

WEATHER AND CROP REPORT.

For the week ending the 29th October 1900.

Burdwan.—Weather seasonable. Sowing of *rabi* continues. Prospects of standing crops good. Fodder and water sufficient. More rain would be beneficial. Common rice selling as follows:—

				Srs.	
Sadar	12½	} per rupee.
Kalna	...	...	...	11
Katwa	...	...	...	12
Raniganj	...	...	...	12½

Birbhum.—Report not received.

Bankura.—No rain. Weather fine. Threshing of *aus* paddy going on. Rain wanted for *aman*. Lands being prepared for *rabi* crops. Fodder and water sufficient. No cattle-disease. Common rice at Bankura and Vishnupur 11½ seers per rupee.

Midnapore.—Rainfall at Contai 0·18. Tamluk partly submerged. Fodder scanty at Contai and Tamluk. Standing crops satisfactory except flooded tracts. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs.	
Sadar	13	} per rupee.
Contai	...	...	...	12
Tamluk	...	...	...	10
Ghatal	...	...	...	12

Hooghly.—Rainfall nil. Sowing of *rabi* continues. Common rice sells at 10½ seers per rupee.

Howrah.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crop not good. Average loss of rice crop on account of recent flood about 56 per cent. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells at 10 seers per rupee.

24-Parganas.—Rainfall at Sadar 0·01. Days hot, mornings and nights cool. Prospects of winter paddy in high land good, but rain is badly wanted at Barasat. Harvesting of *aus* and washing of jute almost over. Lands are being ploughed for *rabi* crops. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs.	
Sadar	10	} per rupee.
Barasat	...	...	...	10
Basirhat	...	...	...	11
Diamond Harbour	...	...	...	10½

Nadia.—No rain. Weather seasonable. *Aman* and other standing crops generally doing well. Sowing of *rabi* crops continues. Fodder and water sufficient. Price of common rice stationary.

Murshidabad.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of *aman* favourable. Jute cutting finished. Sowing of *rabi* crops going on. Mulberry promising. Cattle-disease reported from thana Nabagram of Lalbagh subdivision. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs.	
Sadar	12	} per rupee.
Lalbagh	...	...	...	13
Kandi	...	...	...	14
Jangipur	...	...	...	14

Jessore.—Rainfall at Sadar 0·06, Jhenida nil, Magura nil, Narail 0·20, Bangaon nil. Weather seasonable. Prospect of standing crops good. Land is being prepared for *rabi* crops. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs.	
Sadar	14	} per rupee.
Jhenida	...	...	...	15
Magura	...	...	...	13½
Narail	...	...	...	13½
Bangaon	...	...	...	12½

Khulna.—Rainfall at Sadar 0·14, Bagerhat 0·25, Satkhira nil. Weather seasonable. *Aman* paddy doing well. Prospect favourable. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows :—

				Srs.	
Sadar	...	...	...	12½	} per rupee.
Bagerhat	...	...	...	12½	
Satkhira	...	...	...	12	

Rajshahi.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops fair. Condition of cattle good. Fodder and water supply plentiful. Common rice sells at 14 seers a rupee.

Dinajpur.—Rainfall nil. Weather fine. More rain wanted. Prospect of *aman* moderate. Cultivation of *rabi* going on. No cattle-disease. Rice selling at 14 seers in Dinajpur and 13 seers in Thakurgaon.

Jalpaiguri.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Rain wanted for *haimanti* paddy. Jute being prepared and sold. Transplantation of tobacco commenced in places. Common rice sells at 13 seers per rupee. Fodder and water sufficient.

Darjeeling.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of jute nearly finished. *Bara maria*, *aman dhan*, *kalai* and *phapor* are progressing. Sowing of wheat going on. *Tera*—Steeping of jute going on; *haimanti* paddy progressing. Ploughing for mustard, tobacco, potato commenced. Coarse rice sells as follows :—

				Srs.	
Hills	...	...	...	9	} per rupee.
Tera	...	...	...	14	

Bhutta sells at Darjeeling 22 seers and Kalimpong 28 seers per rupee.

Rangpur.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Sowing of potato and transplantation of tobacco have commenced and washing of jute still going on. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows :—

				Srs.	
Sadar	12	} per rupee.
Gaibanda	...	...	...	12
Kurigram	...	...	...	10
Nilphamari	...	...	...	13

Bogra.—No rain. Cultivation for *rabi* crops going on. Weather fine. Prospects fair. Fodder and water sufficient. Price of common rice unchanged.

Pabna.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops good. Prices unchanged.

Dacca.—Rainfall at Sadar ·03, Manikganj ·08, Munshiganj ·05, Narainganj ·03. Weather seasonable. Prospects good. No cattle-disease. Fodder available. Common rice 12 seers per rupee.

Mymensingh.—Rainfall nil. Days hot and nights cool. Prospects of crops fair. Rain wanted in all parts of district. Fodder and water sufficient. Condition of cattle good. Common rice sells as follows :—

				Srs.	
Sadar	12	} per rupee.
Jamalpur	...	...	...	10
Kishoreganj	...	...	...	11½
Tangail	...	...	...	11½
Netrokona	...	...	...	13½

Faridpur.—Rainfall at Sadar nil, Goalundo ·13, Madaripur nil. Weather cool. State and prospects of crops good. Common rice sells at 12 seers a rupee.

Backergunge.—Rainfall at Sadar 1·73. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops good. Common rice sells at 12 seers (*aman*) and 13½ seers (*aus*) per rupee.

Tippera.—Rainfall at Sadar ·55, Chandpur ·72. Weather seasonable. More rain is wanted for high land paddy. *Rabi* crops being sown. Water and fodder available. Price of common rice averages 12½ seers per rupee.

Noakhali.—Rainfall at Sadar ·81, Feni 14. Prospects of standing crops good. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient. Price of common rice 12 seers per rupee.

Chittagong.—Rainfall at Sadar 0.77, Cox's Bazar 0.70. Prospect of *aman* crops no favourable owing to insufficient rain. The recent slight rain has done little good. Water and fodder sufficient. Common rice 12½ seers per rupee.

Patna.—Rainfall nil. Prospect of paddy crop fair. Sowing of *rabi* going on. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice in Patna selling at 14 seers per rupee.

Gaya.—Rainfall at Sadar, Nawada, Jahanabad and Aurangabad nil. Paddy doing well. *Rabi* sowing going on. Common rice sells at 12 seers per rupee.

Shahabad.—No rain. Weather seasonable. *Rabi* sowing in progress. Prospect of standing crops good. Fodder and water sufficient. Rice at Sadar 12 seers per rupee.

Saran.—Rainfall at Sadar, Siwan and Gopalganj nil. Weather cool and dry. *Rabi* sowings going on. Rain in some places wanted for upland paddy and *rabi*. Common rice 14 seers 10 chitaks and *makai* 21 seers 14 chitaks per rupee.

Champaran.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Preparation for *rabi* in progress. Winter paddy doing well. Fodder and water sufficient. Prices of common rice and maize at Sadar are 13½ and 26½ seers per rupee respectively.

Muzaffarpur.—Rainfall nil. Prospects good. *Rabi* sowing in progress. Prices are—Common rice 15 seers, wheat 12½ seers, barley 16 seers, maize 22 seers, gram 14½ seers, *arhar* 15 seers, and *marua* 22 seers per rupee.

Darbhanga.—Rainfall nil. Prospects of standing crops good. Sowing of *rabi* in progress. Fodder and water sufficient. No cattle-disease reported. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs.	
Sadar	...	...	...	16½	} per rupee.
Samastipur	...	...	...	14	
Madhubani	...	...	...	14½	

Monghyr.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Sowing of *rabi* crops vigorously going on. Standing crops doing well. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs.	
Monghyr	...	...	...	14½	} per rupee.
Begusarai	...	...	...	13	
Jamui	...	...	...	12	

Bhagalpur.—Rainfall nil. Cold weather setting in. Prospects of winter rice excellent. *Rabi* is being sown. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient.

Purnea.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Lands are being ploughed for *rabi* crops. Prospects of standing crops good. Condition of cattle good. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs.	
Sadar	...	...	...	15	} per rupee.
Kishanganj	...	...	...	14	
Araria	...	...	...	17	

Malda.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Lands are being prepared for *rabi* crops. Sowing of *kalai* finished. Prospects of winter rice good. Cattle-disease reported from Nawabganj thana. Fodder and water sufficient. Price of rice stationary.

Southal Parganas.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Standing crops doing well. Early winter rice on high lands in Dumka subdivision is being harvested. Rain needed for paddy in third class lands in Jamtara. No cattle-disease reported. Fodder and water sufficient. Average price of rice 12 seers 14 chitaks and of maize 22 seers 4 chitaks per rupee.

Cuttack.—Rainfall at Sadar 0.40, Jajpur 0.01, Kendrapara 0.93. Weather seasonable. *Lagu sarad* in ears; *garu sarad* and sugarcane growing. *Rabi* being sown. Condition of cattle good. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs. ch.	
Cuttack	14 7	} per rupee.
Jajpur	...	...	...	15 12
Kendrapara	...	...	...	17 1
Banki	...	...	...	17 15

Balasore.—Rain nil at Sadar. *Sarad* in ear; *kandha* ripening; *beali* is being reaped. *Rabi* sowing continues. Sugarcane growing well. Rice sells at 16½, 14½ and 13 seers per rupee in interior, Balasore, and Baudrak respectively. Cattle-disease reported from Basudebpur Circle. Fodder and water sufficient.

Angul.—Rainfall at Sadar nil, Bissipara .05. Weather seasonable. Winter paddy in Angul in flower. Early paddy in Khondmals harvested. Land being ploughed for oil-seed crops. Prospects of standing crops good. Common rice sells from 15 to 18 seers (new) and 10 to 13 seers (old) per rupee in Angul, and 9 seers per rupee in Khondmals. Cattle disease prevails. Number of persons daily on relief work in Khondmals—Men 674, women 942, children 298.

Puri.—Rainfall at Sadar 2.19, Khurda 1.22. *Sarad* paddy in ears. Sugarcane is being tied. *Arhar* and *birhi* are growing well. Lands are being ploughed for *kulthi* and mustard. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows :—

				Srs. ch.		
Sadar	11 13	} per rupee.
Khurda	...	...	...	...	14 7
Interior of district	...	...	...	(old)	13 12
				(new)	15 0	

Hazaribagh.—Rainfall both at Sadar and Giridi nil. Weather seasonable. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells at Sadar 14 seers and at Giridi 13 seers per rupee. Prospect of paddy good.

Ranchi.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of winter rice commenced in places. Outturn 16 annas. Average price of common rice 10 seers and that of *bhadoi* rice 18 seers per rupee. Cattle-disease reported from Rahey out-post. Fodder and water sufficient.

Palamau.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Rabi sowings in progress. Sugarcane and winter rice crops promising well. Fodder and water sufficient. Rice selling at Sadar 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ seers per rupee.

Manbhum.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops good. Fodder and water sufficient. No cattle-disease. Average price of common rice at Sadar 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ seers, and at Gobindpur 11 seers per rupee.

Singbhum.—Rainfall nil. Prospects excellent. Average price of rice 16 seers 5 chitaks in the district; at Chaibassa 16 seers.

General Summary.—Light showers fell during the week in some of the districts of East Bengal and also in the districts of Midnapore, 24-Parganas, Jessore and Khulna. More rain is wanted in Burdwan, 24-Parganas, Dinajpur, Jalpaiguri, Mymensingh, Tippera, Chittagong and Saran. Sowing of *rabi* crops has commenced. Prospects of crops generally good except in the flooded tracts in Midnapore and Howrah. Average loss of rice crop on account of recent flood in Howrah is said to be about 56 per cent. Cases of cattle-disease continue to be reported from some districts. Supply of fodder is scanty in Contai and Tamruk in the district of Midnapur. Price of common rice has fallen in 20 districts, risen in 7 and is stationary in the rest.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

F. A. SLACKE,

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

The 30th October 1900.

**Results of the Meteorological Observations taken at the Alipore Observatory from
21st to 27th October 1900.**

Month.	Date.	Maximum in sun.	Number of hours of bright sunshine.	Mean pressure barometer at 32° Fahr.	TEMPERATURE.				HYGROMETRY.				WIND.		Rain.	WEATHER.
					Mean.	Maximum.	Range.	Minimum.	Mean wet bulb.	Vapour tension.	Dew point.	Humidity.	Prevailing direction.	Miles recorded.		
1900. Oct.	21st	145.8	6.0	29.952	78.6	87.6	15.7	71.9	72.4	0.713	69.1	74	NNW, E and calm	37	Nil	Partially cloud D.
"	22nd	145.8	6.9	.957	78.6	88.5	16.2	72.8	73.9	.776	71.6	80	ESE, SSE and calm.	38	"	Partially cloud D.
"	23rd	140.0	5.3	.943	78.6	87.9	15.9	72.0	73.9	.777	71.6	81	SSE and NNW ...	50	"	Partially cloud D.
"	24th	119.0	0.3	.948	78.4	81.9	7.5	74.4	74.5	.802	72.6	83	NNW and ESE ...	54	"	Chiefly cloudy, o, i
"	25th	146.3	3.4	.952	78.8	86.8	12.7	74.1	74.9	.814	73.0	83	ENE and NNE ...	91	0.01	Chiefly cloudy, o, i
"	26th	146.6	9.3	.999	80.3	88.3	15.5	72.8	74.6	.781	71.8	75	N and NNE ...	91	Nil	Partially cloudy D.
"	27th	140.7	7.4	.978	79.8	87.6	14.4	73.2	71.9	.677	67.6	66	N and NNE ...	109	"	Partially cloudy.

The mean pressure of the seven days

The average pressure of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office

Inches
29.961

The total number of hours of bright sunshine

The maximum possible number of hours of sunshine

Hours.
38.6
79.9

The mean temperature of the seven days

The average temperature of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office

79.0

The extreme variation of temperature

The maximum temperature

79.8
16.6
88.5

The highest velocity of the wind in one hour

Miles.
9

The mean relative humidity

The average relative humidity of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office

%
77
78

The total fall of rain from 21st to 27th October 1900

The average fall of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office

Inches.
0.01

The total fall from 1st January to 27th October 1900

The average fall of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office

1.65
89.27

The mean pressure, temperature, &c., are deduced from the traces of the Barograph and Thermograph, and from eye observations.

The maximum and minimum temperatures are obtained from self-registering thermometers. All the thermometers are verified and the readings have been corrected to a standard constructed and verified at the Kew Observatory. They are exposed under a thatched shed open at the sides, and are suspended four feet above the ground.

The barometer readings are corrected approximately to those of the standard, Newman's No. 86, formerly at the Surveyor-General's Office.

The hygrometric elements are obtained from Tables III, IV, and V of the official tables computed in the Meteorological Office, and based on Regnault's modifications of August's formula.

The directions and the movement of the wind are taken from the trace of a Beckley's anemograph.

The mouth of the rain-gauge is one foot above the ground.

D, dew; o, overcast; g, gloomy; d, drizzling rain.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, GOVT. OF INDIA,
Alipore (Calcutta), the 29th October 1900.

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GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL, IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT.

Approximate return of traffic on the Circular and Eastern Canals for the week ending Saturday, the 20th October 1900, as compared with the corresponding week of the previous year.

NATURE OF CARGO.	WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 20TH OCTOBER 1900.			WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 21ST OCTOBER 1899.		
	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.
	No.	Mds.	Rs.	No.	Mds.	Rs.
Rice and paddy	796	1,09,390	1,726	879	1,07,700	1,627
Jute	434	1,29,217*	2,058	154	65,055	1,026
Firewood	49	48,075	646	62	45,575	685
Other articles	658	1,37,700	1,712	587	1,19,535	1,505
Total	1,937	4,24,432	6,142	1,682	3,37,865	4,843

* Weight by canal measurement—1,25,531½ maunds.

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL, IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT.

Approximate Return of Traffic on the Circular and Eastern Canals for the week ending Saturday, the 27th October 1900, as compared with the corresponding week of the previous year.

NATURE OF CARGO.	WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 27TH OCTOBER 1900.			WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 28TH OCTOBER 1899.		
	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.
	No.	Mds.	Rs.	No.	Mds.	Rs.
Rice and paddy	586	72,885	1,132	1,127	1,72,335	2,721
Jute	485	1,41,163*	2,185	272	91,775	1,376
Firewood	63	34,295	605	72	52,100	781
Other articles	772	1,62,675	1,998	655	1,47,500	1,971
Total	1,906	4,11,018	5,920	2,126	4,63,710	6,849

* Weight by canal measurement—1,35,337½ maunds.

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

Statement of Goods Traffic in staples carried during the four weeks ending 25th August 1900 as compared with the same period of 1899.

STAPLES.	1899.		1900.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Weight.	Freight.	Weight.	Freight.	Weight.	Freight.	Weight.	Freight.
	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.
Apparel, including drapery, haberdashery, millinery, uniforms, accoutrements, boots and shoes	5,573	5,858	6,273	5,926	900	68	.....	.....
Coal & coke carried for the public and foreign railways	67,47,208	10,23,416	1,00,67,353	13,94,504	33,20,150	3,71,088	.....	.....
Cotton—								
(1) Raw	42,123	22,633	5,426	2,670	.....	.....	36,697	19,963
(2) Manufactured—								
(a) Twist & Yarn, European	4,645	4,577	3,558	4,449	.....	.....	467	128
(b) Ditto, Indian	41,939	19,653	34,865	12,358	.....	.....	8,074	7,295
(c) Piece-goods, European	45,371	62,304	65,847	45,101	10,276	.....	.....	4,203
(d) Ditto, Indian	12,272	7,265	8,608	4,947	.....	.....	3,579	2,318
(e) Others	.....	.....	1,186	933	1,186	933	.....	.....
Chemicals excepting saltpetre	.....	.....	2,609	2,307	2,609	2,307	.....	.....
Drugs—								
1.—Intoxicating, other than opium	546	391	292	258	.....	.....	254	133
2.—Non-intoxicating	9,984	6,887	3,684	4,125	.....	.....	6,300	2,762
Dyes and Tans—								
1.—All (Morinda citrifolia)	0	1	238	84	239	33	.....	.....
2.—Alizarine and aniline dyes	187	161	43	32	.....	.....	144	139
3.—Cutch	2,338	998	3,319	2,022	1,061	1,024	.....	.....
4.—Indigo	995	349	732	235	.....	.....	263	114
5.—Myrabolans	5,281	1,141	6,072	1,933	1,691	798	.....	.....
6.—Tanning barks	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7.—Turmeric	6,828	4,876	4,012	4,076	.....	.....	2,216	800
8.—Others	486	239	3,876	2,865	3,390	2,626	.....	.....
Fodder—								
1.—Oil-cake	63,235	10,937	64,477	10,040	1,239	.....	.....	807
2.—Hay, straw and grass	.....	.....	7,130	844	7,130	840	.....	.....
Fruits and vegetables, fresh	16,139	5,341	6,438	2,029	.....	.....	9,651	3,312
Grain and Pulse—								
1.—Wheat	8,58,782	1,41,526	4,83,120	73,422	.....	.....	3,75,662	68,404
2.—Wheat flour	42,332	11,415	34,643	8,407	.....	.....	7,789	3,008
3.—Rice in the husk	2,43,242	31,880	95,118	12,900	.....	.....	1,48,104	18,980
4.—Rice not in the husk	6,83,675	1,49,183	6,11,290	1,74,259	.....	.....	72,385	.....
5.—Jowar and bajra	9,677	1,075	17,887	1,822	8,210	747	.....	.....
6.—Gram & pulses	5,22,103	1,09,981	6,23,387	1,79,509	1,07,284	69,018	.....	.....
7.—Others	1,20,231	18,295	2,40,030	29,073	1,19,789	10,778	.....	.....
Hides and Skins—								
1.—Hides of cattle	39,760	21,873	29,705	15,729	.....	.....	10,055	6,144
2.—Skins of sheep, &c.	24,433	13,717	12,433	5,125	.....	.....	12,000	5,592
Horns	2,632	1,087	2,218	1,126	.....	30	414	.....
Hemp (Indian) and other fibres (excluding jute)	7,103	1,725	5,758	1,715	.....	.....	1,345	10
Jute—								
1.—Raw	81,864	13,932	1,08,835	15,638	26,981	1,636	.....	.....
2.—Gunny-bags and cloth	76,316	33,430	40,802	18,614	.....	.....	23,514	14,816
Lac	63,175	30,749	66,942	28,987	.....	.....	7,133	1,762
Leather—								
1.—Unwrought	2,004	3,400	2,804	4,801	800	1,401	.....	.....
2.—Wrought excepting boots and shoes	2,628	1,553	632	893	.....	.....	1,763	635
Liquors—								
1.—Ale and Beer	10,284	3,251	10,018	3,727	.....	476	266	.....
2.—Spirits of all kinds, including country spirit	1,478	1,416	2,452	2,351	974	935	.....	.....
3.—Wines	2,306	3,652	2,985	2,721	679	.....	.....	931
4.—All other sorts, including toddy and fermented liquor, other than ale and beer	181	32	237	59	56	27	.....	.....
Metals—								
1.—Brass, unwrought	463	363	1,026	869	1,063	506	.....	.....
2.—Do., wrought	13,766	5,936	16,545	7,779	2,779	418	.....	.....
3.—Copper, unwrought	168	181	306	304	138	123	.....	.....
4.—Do., wrought	642	366	2,538	1,230	1,896	924	.....	.....
5.—Iron and steel—								
(a) Cast	15,435	4,667	7,207	2,005	.....	.....	8,228	2,662
(b) Unwrought	3,795	818	15,973	2,237	12,188	1,419	.....	.....
(c) Wrought	56,784	25,688	60,679	27,542	3,895	1,564	.....	.....
(d) Manufactures of iron and steel	34,155	16,308	22,024	9,498	.....	.....	12,131	5,810
6.—Zinc and spelter	1,426	732	1,580	934	154	252	.....	.....
7.—Others	8,704	5,407	12,308	8,037	3,604	2,600	.....	.....
Oils—								
1.—Kerosine	1,08,207	40,189	84,992	27,240	.....	.....	23,215	12,919
2.—Castor	2,538	844	2,452	741	.....	.....	86	103
3.—Cocunut	4,256	1,376	2,509	918	.....	.....	1,727	398
4.—Mustard and rape	9,061	3,769	6,550	3,120	.....	.....	2,501	649
5.—Others	5,579	2,986	3,031	1,518	.....	.....	2,548	1,468
Oilseeds—								
1.—Castor	23,874	5,454	38,373	8,071	15,400	2,617	.....	.....
2.—Earthnuts	42	6	24	1	.....	.....	18	5
3.—Linseed	6,29,663	1,73,802	1,68,402	42,846	.....	.....	4,61,261	1,30,556
4.—Poppy	41,943	10,493	35,430	9,478	.....	.....	6,515	1,015
5.—Rape and mustard	2,01,523	53,100	1,69,388	67,016	.....	13,915	32,135	.....
6.—Til or jujili	6,052	694	14,065	613	8,033	.....	.....	79
7.—Others	40,989	14,744	7,197	1,326	.....	.....	33,792	13,418
Opium	1,029	320	194	194	.....	.....	823	326
Paper and pasteboard	16,810	10,440	17,081	9,693	271	.....	.....	747
Provisions—								
1.—Dried fruits and nuts	10,686	6,515	10,234	4,491	.....	.....	382	2,024
2.—Ghee	44,558	21,908	27,322	20,669	.....	.....	17,236	4,326
3.—Potatoes	58,230	21,386	85,131	10,921	.....	.....	25,949	8,465
4.—Others	40,307	14,267	37,913	14,353	.....	.....	.....	.....
Railway plant & rolling-stock carried for the public & foreign railways—								
1.—Locomotives, engines and tenders and parts thereof	.....	.....	1,693	82	1,693	86	2,395	.....
2.—Carriages and trucks and parts thereof	17,546	2,429	25,581	6,481	8,035	82	.....	.....
3.—Materials—								
(a) Steel rails and fish-plates	16,072	4,672	529	121	.....	4,061	15,543	4,551
(b) Sleepers and keys of steel and cast-iron	21,945	14,696	.....	.....	.....	.....	21,945	14,696
(c) Other sorts	1,44,386	19,295	50,592	8,933	.....	.....	93,794	10,363
Salt	3,80,127	64,812	2,70,897	50,391	.....	.....	1,09,230	14,511

STAPLES.	1899.		1900.		INCREASE		DECREASE.	
	Weight.	Freight.	Weight.	Freight.	Weight.	Freight.	Weight.	Freight.
<i>Saltpetre and other saline substances—</i>	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.
1.—Saltpetre	26,022	13,173	20,247	14,808	4,225	1,635		
2.—Other saline substances	32,676	8,708	30,170	9,302		594	2,506	
<i>Silk, raw—</i>								
1.—Foreign								
2.—Indian	709	482	736	430	27			46
<i>Silk piece-goods—</i>								
1.—Foreign								
2.—Indian	62	63	130	187	68	134		
<i>Spices—</i>								
1.—Betel-nuts	19,137	17,178	12,568	10,402			6,569	6,776
2.—Cardamoms	405	404	343	204			152	170
3.—Chillies	6,740	2,549	6,127	3,643		1,094	613	
4.—Ginger	1,338	839	1,171	1,009		239	162	
5.—Pepper	2,027	1,745	646	635			1,381	1,110
6.—Others	839	537	3,235	1,987	2,330	550		
Stone and lime	4,50,460	69,218	4,01,375	68,803			49,085	10,415
<i>Sugar—</i>								
1.—Refined	7,273	3,948	35,442	21,519	28,169	17,571		
2.—Unrefined—		11,168	74,580	24,970	8,035	18,818		
(a) Sugar	66,561							
(b) Gur, rab, jaggree, molasses and other saccharine produce	81,617	12,863	85,051	14,568	3,434	1,705		
<i>Tea—</i>								
1.—Foreign	5,233	2,683	2,947	2,745			2,286	138
2.—Indian	64,073	21,312	51,339	17,947			13,634	3,365
<i>Tobacco</i>								
1.—Timber, unwrought	82,703	13,169	1,03,096	15,033	20,392	1,864		
2.—Manufactures	11,626	6,356	9,261	3,304			2,365	3,052
<i>Wool—</i>								
(a) Raw	2,268	1,497	2,280	1,228	12			269
(b) Manufactured—								
I.—Carpets and rugs	736	1,077	1,076	1,454	940	377		
II.—Piece-goods, European	490	275					460	272
III.—Ditto Indian	2,525	2,750	870	881			1,655	1,875
IV.—Other sorts of manufactures	172	27	1,195	1,125	1,023	1,008		
<i>All other articles of merchandise—</i>								
1.—Bones	37,623	8,756	41,208	12,250	3,585	3,434		
2.—Firewood	36,481	2,321	14,044	911			22,437	1,410
3.—Indigo seed	5,277	1,534	12,349	3,780	8,772	2,246		
4.—Paints and colours	6,761	3,146	1,647	1,505			5,214	1,641
5.—Seeds other than oilseeds	26,400	11,415	31,768	15,232	5,368	3,807		
6.—Others	3,12,566	1,22,522	6,45,238	2,07,333	3,32,672	84,811		
Total	1,50,51,551	26,50,009	1,54,38,113	28,85,093	23,86,562	2,54,394		
<i>Military stores</i>								
Coal for railway	12,639	26,192	55,550	82,511	42,891	56,319		
Railway materials	10,67,542	70,918	13,41,979	1,09,022	2,74,437	38,104		
Live-stock	1,15,895	73,415	24,22,099	60,944	5,06,204			
		11,597		40,206		28,609		12,471
Total	1,60,47,647	28,32,821	1,92,57,741	31,77,776	33,10,094	8,44,966		

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TRAFFIC AUDIT OFFICE, GOODS DIVISION, JAMALPUR, 25th October 1900.

Weekly Return of Traffic Receipts on Indian Railways.

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 13th October 1900, on 1,837.09 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P. (a)	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total Traffic for the week ...	326,126	3,50,219 11 0	44,07,815 10	8,01,636 2 0	20,747 0 0	11,72,602 13 0	104,275	189,574	293,849
Or per mile of Railway ...	177.5	190 10 3	24,015 10	436 5 9	11 4 8	638 4 8	56.8	103 4 8	160 12 0
For previous 14 weeks of half-year.	4,953,176*	52,22,484 6 0†	6,22,77,865 0†	1,12,06,751 1 0†	2,80,577 0 0‡	1,67,78,512 7 0	1,503,603§	2,513,672§	4,017,275§
Total for 15 weeks ...	5,279,302	55,72,704 1 0	6,72,85,180 10	1,20,68,387 3 0	3,10,324 0 0	1,79,51,415 4 0	1,607,878	2,694,246	4,302,124
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year.	331,368	3,52,629 2 9	47,36,393 20	8,80,685 4 9	31,058 2 2	12,73,372 9 8	15,820	158,334	174,154
Per mile of Railway corresponding week of previous year.	180.8	192 2 2	24,015 10	436 5 9	17 2 6	694 5 11	80.8	86 12 0	107 12 0
Total for corresponding 15½ weeks of previous year.	4,921,600‡	49,42,637 11 3	6,44,74,025 30	1,16,26,961 8 2	3,46,836 13 8	1,69,16,486 1 1	1,440,185‡	2,527,373‡	3,967,558‡

(a) The decrease is chiefly due to heavier upwards despatch of food-grains from almost all the principal stations in the corresponding period of 1899.

* Added No. of passengers 11,760 and Rs. 20,657.

† Do. Mds. 2,21,206 and „ 21,339. On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 18th August 1900.

‡ Deducted

§ Audited figures up to 18th August 1900.

1900.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899.

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.	
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate Rs. A.
1,836.15 ...	Week ended 7th July† ...	420,095	4,08,652	47,60,058	9,24,211	21,864	14,16,727	772	308,408	4 9
1,836.15 ...	14th „ ...	392,635	3,75,996	40,63,181	9,21,659	21,311	13,19,806	719	297,447	4 7
1,837.00 ...	21st „ ...	337,210	3,33,782	47,94,842	8,85,140	19,504	12,18,426	635	2 7,511	4 1
1,837.00 ...	28th „ ...	344,710	3,40,133	56,89,389	9,27,000	19,476	12,92,569	704	294,959	4 6
1,837.00 ...	4th Aug.‡ ...	362,331	4,51,735	45,19,233	8,21,984	18,867	12,92,576	704	290,428	4 7
1,837.00 ...	11th „ ...	367,079	4,02,927	40,65,767	8,32,762	21,165	12,56,854	684	293,475	4 4
1,837.00 ...	18th „ ...	344,267	3,61,027	44,25,720	7,51,040	19,220	11,33,247	620	283,313	3 11
1,836.15 ...	25th „ ...	322,349	3,14,815	42,61,606	7,58,185	21,947	10,94,947	596	295,763	3 11
1,836.74 ...	1st Sept. ...	318,811	3,03,038	45,47,045	7,58,647	21,177	10,82,768	588	278,657	3 10
1,840.08 ...	8th „ ...	374,876	3,75,590	42,53,086	7,95,354	21,359	11,92,312	648	285,964	4 2
1,840.08 ...	15th „ ...	359,151	3,48,669	44,77,408	9,20,014	21,742	12,89,425	701	280,785	4 2
1,837.00 ...	22nd „ ...	394,807	3 27,208	38,37,343	6 65,197	21,742	10,13,147	551	267,358	3 11
1,837.00 ...	29th „ ...	366,987	4 02,474	36 52,965	6 38,784	20,722	10,61,960	578	258,257	4 1
1,837.00 ...	6th Oct. ...	348,778	3 82,430	37 23,032	6 64,854	20,601	10,67,945	581	282,933	3 11
1,837.00 ...	13th „ ...	326,126	3 50,219	44 07,815	8 01,636	20,747	11,72,602	638	284,842	4 1
Totals up to date ...		5,279,302	55,72,704	6,72,85,180	1,20,68,387	3,10,324	1,79,51,415	651	4,302,124	4 1

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899—concluded.

1899

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.	
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate Rs. A.
1,710.67	8 days of July ...	425,807	4 54,371	45 59,139	8 06,060	16,638	12,77,124	747	507,818	4 2
1,710.67	Week ended 15th July ...	361,619	3 51,956	42 17,629	6 87,308	13,140	10,52,402	615	254,918	4 2
1,710.67	22nd „ ...	346,546	3 37,012	35 11,074	6 08,241	13,085	9 58,338	580	236,052	4 1
1,710.67	29th „ ...	305,660	3 05,465	34 23,200	5 78,387	12,912	8 96,774	524	235,652	3 12
1,710.67	5th Aug. ...	308,302	3 31,852	39 50,345	6 39,140	14,859	9 85,851	576	243,941	4 0
1,710.67	12th „ ...	313,033	2 91,982	37 29,186	6 43,661	13,916	9 49,559	555	244,678	3 14
	Adjustments on account of previous period.				1,70,137*	45,826†	2 15,963			
1,710.67	19th „ ...	306,970	2 91,035	39 30,581	6 67,809	22,761	9 72,296	568	243,174	4 0
1,710.67	26th „ ...	313,596	2 78,251	41 31,908	6 89,029	24,132	9 91,417	580	249,401	3 15
1,710.67	2nd Sept. ...	289,203	2 76,592	48 51,418	7 70,919	21,518	10 64,939	525	254,579	4 3
1,710.67	9th „ ...	291,974	2 67,980	46 73,914	8 16,056	22,599	11 06,641	647	254,104	4 3
1,710.67	16th „ ...	316,412	3 31,326	44 47,736	8 50,448	21,271	12 04,045	704	277,838	4 5
1,710.67	23rd „ ...	345,177	3 74,256	43 67,571	9 12,071	22,802	13 09,129	765	280,475	4 9
1,710.67	30th „ ...	326,546	3 33,116	52 82,751	9 51,508	19,806	13 04,430	703	286,128	4 8
1,710.67	7th Oct. ...	337,443	3 64,039	46 70,178	9 56,735	20,452	13 50,226	789	238,339	4 8
1,710.67	14th „ ...	331,368	3 52,629	47 36,397	8 89,685	31,058	12 73,373	744	284,163	4 7
Totals up to date ...		4,921,561	49,42,608	6,44,74,026	1,16,26,961	3,46,837	1,69,16,486	653	3,967,560	4 4

* Rs 1,70,137 Added on account of rebate on coal deducted from returns from 1st July to 12th August 1899.

† Rs 45,826 Ditto ditto of mileage and demurrage not having been included in returns from 1st July to 12th August 1899.

‡ Audited figures.

TARKESSUR BRANCH RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 13th October 1900, on 22·23 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week	20,593	5,063 15 0	47,283 0	1,107 3 0	8 0 0	6,178 2 0	960	76	1,045
Or per mile of Railway	238,085*	227 12 0	.....	49 12 11	0 5 9	277 14 8	.....	.....	.....
For previous 14 weeks of half-year.		67,096 1 0*	3,50,986 0†	7,296 5 0†	106 0 0‡	74,498 6 0	15,197§	1,257§	16,454
Total for 15 weeks	303,681	72,159 0 0	3,98,269 0	8,403 8 0	114 0 0	80,676 8 0	16,166	1,333	17,499
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year.	23,449	6,172 9 10	9,579 30	423 1 0	15 15 6	6,611 10 4	695	139	1,034
Per mile of Railway corresponding week of previous year.	.....	277 10 9	.....	19 0 6	0 11 6	297 6 9	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 15½ weeks of previous year.	285,025	66,663 15 2	2,02,836 10	6,692 13 0	138 13 9	73,495 9 11	16,509	1,644	18,153

* Deducted No. of passengers 1,244 and Rs. 547 }
† Do. Mds. 26,673 and " 211 } On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 18th August 1900.
‡ Do. " 5 }
§ Audited figures up to 18th August 1900.

1900.

Abstract of progressive weekly return of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899.

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.	
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
22-23*	Week ended 7th July	19,128	6,639	9,631	399	7	7,045	317	1,188	5 14 11
22-23*	" " 14th "	32,489	7,452	12,537	459	7	7,918	366	1,390	6 1 9
22-23*	" " 21st "	19,929	4,895	9,946	441	10	6,256	296	1,188	4 6 9
22-23*	" " 28th "	19,106	4,520	19,915	492	10	6,022	296	1,188	4 3 8
22-23*	" " 4th Aug.	18,774	4,516	8,298	343	5	5,194	234	1,188	4 1 6
22-23*	" " 11th "	19,867	4,760	19,074	428	6	5,864	219	1,188	4 5 11
22-23*	" " 18th "	15,943	3,533	6,796	280	4	5,194	234	1,188	3 3 3
22-23	" " 25th "	16,330	3,537	37,066	614	9	5,863	171	1,188	4 2 6
22-23	" " 1st S-pt.	16,630	3,759	36,781	578	8	4,345	188	1,188	3 10 6
22-23	" " 8th "	18,583	4,410	35,757	519	8	4,937	195	1,188	3 9 8
22-23	" " 15th "	22,130	4,980	37,902	618	8	5,615	222	1,188	4 11 7
22-23	" " 22nd "	13,371	3,783	34,313	488	8	4,279	203	1,188	3 10 6
22-23	" " 29th "	17,637	4,324	38,061	661	8	4,983	192	1,188	4 1 1
22-23	" " 6th Oct.	23,168	6,069	44,940	971	8	7,048	223	1,188	4 3 3
22-23	" " 13th "	20,596	5,063	47,283	1,107	8	6,178	317	902	7 13 0
	Totals up to date	303,681	72,159	3,98,269	8,404	114	80,677	242	17,499	4 9 9

* Audited figures.

Abstract of progressive weekly return of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899—concluded.

1899.

		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
22-23	8 days of July	24,246	6,025	8,049	322	13	6,360	276	1,437	4 6 10
22-23	Week ended 15th July	31,805	4,792	47,285	448	16	5,246	236	1,392	4 1 1
22-23	" " 22nd "	23,415	5,142	13,329	348	7	5,497	247	1,188	4 10 0
22-23	" " 29th "	17,351	3,874	8,001	915	6	4,795	216	1,241	3 13 10
22-23	" " 6th Aug.	16,072	3,760	9,320	387	12	4,159	187	1,188	3 8 0
22-23	" " 13th "	17,357	3,989	5,691	401	4	4,374	197	1,188	3 10 11
22-23	" " 20th "	17,243	4,135	16,014	347	9	4,491	202	1,188	3 12 6
22-23	" " 26th "	16,765	3,606	7,169	324	5	4,025	181	1,188	3 6 3
22-23	" " 3rd Sept.	16,719	3,592	9,460	376	11	3,979	179	1,188	3 5 7
22-23	" " 10th "	18,830	4,595	10,331	425	7	4,830	217	1,188	4 1 0
22-23	" " 17th "	18,864	4,195	17,189	393	9	4,597	207	1,268	3 10 6
22-23	" " 24th "	16,081	3,809	9,382	553	9	4,290	192	1,188	3 9 4
22-23	" " 31st "	18,764	4,317	16,331	446	9	4,879	219	1,188	4 1 1
22-23	" " 7th Oct.	19,719	4,791	12,176	282	9	5,382	242	1,188	4 8 0
22-23	" " 14th "	23,449	6,172	9,579	423	16	6,611	297	1,034	6 6 3
	Totals up to date	285,035	66,664	2,02,826	6,693	138	73,495	218	18,163	4 0 9

DELHI-UMBALLA-KALKA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 13th October 1900, on 162·34 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated)	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of Passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	16,377	Rs. A. P. 16,560 9 0	Mds. Sms. 1,05,448 30	Rs. A. P. 11,262 14 0	Rs. A. P. 63 0 0	Rs. A. P. 27,486 7 0	7,115	4,460	11,575
Or per mile of Railway ...	...	102 1 2	...	69 6 9	0 6 3	171 14 2	...	...	...
For previous 14 weeks of half-year.	204,551*	1,86,823 11 0*	14,67,560 30†	1,00,760 0 0†	904 0 0‡	2,88,537 11 0	96,531§	57,070§	1,53,607
Total for 15 weeks ...	220,928	2,03,384 4 0	15,73,009 20	1,12,013 14 0	1,027 0 0	3,16,484 2 0	103,646	61,536	1,65,182
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year.	15,977	17,368 7 0	84,985 20	12,931 7 0	55 13 2	30,283 10 9	7,111	3,028	10,139
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year.	...	106 10 9	...	79 11 3	0 5 6	186 11 6	...	...	...
Total for corresponding 15 weeks of previous year.	258,326‡	2,41,995 9 11	13,42,448 0	1,80,505 8 3	1,059 12 6	4,23,560 14 8	110,076‡	51,648‡	1,61,725

* Deducted No. of passengers 258 and
 † Added Mds. 63,517 and
 ‡ Do.
 § Audited figures up to 18th August 1900.

Rs. 420 } On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the
 " 315 } week ended 18th August 1900.
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Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899.

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of Railway.	Train mileage.	
		No. of Passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate Rs. A. P.
1899-00*	Week ended 7th July ...	19,338	21,176	88,170	11,160	84	32,410	190	11,076	2 11 4
1899-00*	" " 14th " ...	20,299	20,632	98,469	10,400	68	31,100	192	12,904	2 6 7
1899-00*	" " 21st " ...	11,952	10,254	46,874	4,954	70	15,278	84	9,678	1 9 3
1899-00*	" " 28th " ...	12,806	6,553	3,08,023	6,865	83	16,501	102	9,190	1 12 9
1899-00*	" " 4th Aug.	14,501	10,079	44,541	3,454	91	14,317	88	9,023	1 9 3
1899-00*	" " 11th " ...	19,967	9,444	3,03,461	8,843	42	18,329	113	10,462	1 11 11
1899-00*	" " 18th " ...	13,755	10,372	1,27,827	4,870	84	15,326	94	9,267	1 10 5
1899-00*	" " 25th " ...	16,992	11,506	63,844	4,124	63	15,692	97	9,982	1 9 3
1899-00*	" " 1st Sept.	13,905	10,309	61,185	3,405	63	19,867	85	12,190	1 2 2
1899-00*	" " 8th " ...	13,480	11,075	77,514	6,910	63	18,046	115	10,776	1 11 6
1899-00*	" " 15th " ...	15,480	15,056	85,330	7,814	63	23,533	145	19,336	1 14 6
1899-00*	" " 22nd " ...	12,740	12,741	74,535	7,089	64	19,004	123	11,967	1 10 7
1899-00*	" " 29th " ...	15,243	10,263	87,164	9,070	64	25,386	156	11,776	2 2 6
1899-00*	" " 6th Oct.	15,003	16,402	1,00,235	11,768	63	25,346	175	12,077	2 5 7
1899-00*	" " 13th " ...	16,377	16,561	1,05,448	11,263	63	27,887	172	11,576	2 6 7
	Totals up to date ...	220,928	2,03,384	15,73,010	1,12,013	1,027	3,16,484	130	165,182	1 16 8

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899—concluded.

1899.

		No. of Passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate Rs. A. P.
1899-00*	8 days of July ...	23,311	19,776	72,881	9,176	65	29,047	179	11,965	2 6 11
1899-00*	Week ended 15th July ...	20,330	17,254	61,713	8,868	60	26,472	163	9,963	2 10 7
1899-00*	" " 22nd " ...	18,720	15,146	64,224	7,169	48	22,383	138	10,274	2 3 1
1899-00*	" " 29th " ...	18,629	13,788	63,995	10,609	70	24,427	151	19,117	2 6 8
1899-00*	" " 5th Aug.	17,803	13,075	94,248	9,742	63	23,440	145	9,757	2 6 6
1899-00*	" " 12th " ...	16,078	13,507	76,809	10,593	46	24,145	140	9,895	2 6 11
1899-00*	" " 19th " ...	17,607	13,744	76,677	10,382	63	24,739	152	10,358	2 6 3
1899-00*	" " 26th " ...	16,287	14,458	1,14,725	15,089	96	33,213	205	16,348	3 3 4
1899-00*	" " 2nd Sept.	14,583	13,563	1,25,170	16,045	59	28,665	177	10,714	2 10 10
1899-00*	" " 9th " ...	16,999	13,747	1,01,259	10,045	79	23,971	147	11,318	2 1 9
1899-00*	" " 16th " ...	15,810	17,083	1,40,432	18,320	113	35,465	219	12,132	2 14 9
1899-00*	" " 23rd " ...	16,506	25,374	1,07,670	13,156	73	37,093	232	13,722	2 11 10
1899-00*	" " 30th " ...	15,314	18,325	77,745	10,921	45	29,491	182	10,686	2 12 2
1899-00*	" " 7th Oct.	15,465	15,799	89,855	14,372	95	30,258	187	10,383	2 14 8
1899-00*	" " 14th " ...	15,977	17,307	84,989	12,091	66	30,294	187	10,139	2 15 10
	Totals up to date ...	258,326	2,41,996	13,42,448	1,80,505	1,060	4,23,561	172	161,725	2 9 11

SOUTH BEHAR RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 13th October 1900, on 78.76 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week	9,543	5,378 14 0	30,550 10	3,030 10 0	42 0 0	8,360 8 0	1,716	1,119	2,835
per mile of Railway	120.730*	69,614 5 0*	4,47,230 20†	30,722 15 0†	543 0 0†	1,06,797 4 0	23,318§	11,061§	35,389
for previous 14 weeks of half-year									
Total for 14 weeks	179,278	94,893 3 0	4,86,780 30	33,762 9 0	692 0 0	1,09,167 12 0	23,034	13,083	36,117
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year.	9,423	4,942 11 1	40,507 20	3,031 6 0	20 15 9	8,805 0 1	1,567	659	2,226
per mile of Railway corresponding week of previous year.	.....	58 15 2	.....	49 14 8	0 4 3	109 2 1	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 14 weeks of previous year.	138,551§	60,259 1 4	4,31,780 30	33,500 2 0	278 14 0	1,03,038 1 4	10,904§	4,105§	31,190

Deducted No. of passengers 164 and Rs. 717 } On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 18th Do. Mds. 4,156 and .. 320 } August 1900.
Audited figures up to 18th August 1900. .. 24 }

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Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899.

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of Railway.	Train mileage.
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No. Rate.
78.76°	Week ended 7th July	13,452	6,487	37,728	2,656	23	8,578	109	3,363
78.76°	" " 14th "	12,980	6,244	37,308	2,577	20	8,441	113	3,131
78.76°	" " 21st "	11,883	5,432	36,570	2,535	36	7,703	99	2,284
78.76°	" " 28th "	13,331	7,733	39,202	1,556	20	9,300	118	2,205
78.76°	" " 4th August	10,024	5,220	31,691	2,117	15	7,352	93	2,205
78.76°	" " 11th "	10,579	4,708	32,269	1,691	9	6,608	84	2,267
78.76°	" " 18th "	9,546	4,348	25,520	1,810	13	6,171	78	2,757
78.76°	" " 25th "	9,965	5,125	35,074	2,785	45	7,954	101	2,766
78.76°	" " 1st September	9,884	5,319	30,763	2,459	45	7,823	99	2,306
78.76°	" " 8th "	14,779	7,399	32,897	2,469	45	9,813	125	2,078
78.76°	" " 15th "	12,903	7,067	33,219	2,109	40	9,226	117	2,567
78.76°	" " 22nd "	12,585	7,010	37,984	2,095	45	9,150	116	2,571
78.76°	" " 29th "	16,483	10,868	32,140	2,489	46	13,343	169	2,767
78.76°	" " 6th October	10,800	6,741	30,552	2,135	43	8,919	113	2,699
78.76°	" " 13th "	9,545	5,279	39,550	3,040	42	8,361	106	2,760
	Totals up to date	179,278	94,893	4,86,780	33,763	602	1,32,158	109	38,117
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* Audited figures.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899.

1899

		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
65.00	4 days ended 8th July	1,446	417	243	23	1	441	7	300	1 3 1
70.70	Week ended 15th "	8,227	4,240	17,332	1,560	12	5,814	76	1,084	5 6 10
78.76	" " 22nd "	9,773	4,442	19,255	1,301	13	6,365	81	1,113	5 11 4
78.76	" " 29th "	8,060	3,844	15,792	1,504	10	5,353	65	1,113	4 13 0
78.76	" " 5th August	8,445	4,705	16,885	1,257	25	6,057	77	1,113	5 7 1
78.76	" " 12th "	8,100	3,524	20,647	1,436	30	5,290	67	1,113	4 12 1
78.76	" " 19th "	7,139	3,200	20,676	2,109	17	5,508	70	1,113	4 15 1
78.76	" " 26th "	8,128	3,607	30,670	2,362	17	6,026	77	1,113	5 0 8
78.76	" " 3rd September	8,675	5,121	39,741	2,810	25	7,991	101	1,113	7 3 5
78.76	" " 10th "	7,969	5,718	37,359	2,420	25	6,163	78	1,279	4 13 6
78.76	" " 16th "	10,086	6,641	47,795	3,149	12	7,802	89	1,500	4 14 6
78.76	" " 23rd "	13,697	6,790	34,414	2,800	17	9,637	123	2,385	4 0 9
78.76	" " 30th "	14,089	8,080	41,204	2,013	15	11,548	147	2,396	5 3 1
78.76	" " 7th October	12,960	7,207	37,334	2,946	39	10,443	133	2,726	4 11 3
78.76	" " 14th "	9,423	6,043	40,508	2,931	31	8,595	109	2,326	3 12 9
	Totals up to date	1,38,552	69,259	4,31,781	33,500	279	1,03,038	91	31,190	4 12 10

EASTERN BENGAL STATE RAILWAY.

(INCLUDING N. B., K. D., DACCA, AND ASSAM-BEHAR SECTIONS.)

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 20th October 1900, on 843 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (including ferry).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	215,550	Rs. A. P. 1,03,130 0 0	Mds. s. 11,62,410 0	Rs. A. P. 2,65,120 0 0	Rs. A. P. 10,190 0 0	Rs. A. P. 3,78,450 0 0	32,379	51,607	83,986
Or per mile of railway ...	256	122 0 0	1,379 0	314 0 0	3 0 0	489 0 0	...	...	...
For previous 15 weeks of half-year ...	3,132,934	14,53,040 0 0	1,66,27,030 0	34,15,909 0 0	2,20,631 0 0	50,93,788 0 0	518,950	675,344	1,194,294
Total for 16 weeks ...	3,348,484	15,56,779 0 0	1,77,89,440 0	36,80,620 0 0	2,30,821 0 0	54,77,229 0 0	551,329	726,951	1,278,280
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	181,349	86,793 0	10,12,875 0	2,40,944 0 0	14,848 0 0	3,42,514 0 0	36,783	45,550	82,333
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	217	104 0 0	1,214 0	289 0 0	3 0 0	396 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	3,203,553	14,83,164 0 0	1,71,17,564 0	35,06,383 0 0	2,69,880 0 0	52,50,327 0 0	573,126	692,799	1,265,925

* Excluding steamer earnings.

† Audited up to week 11th August 1900.

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DACCA STATE RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 20th October 1900, on 86 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	22,660	Rs. A. P. 8,420 0 0	Mds. s. 73,710 0	Rs. A. P. 6,800 0 0	Rs. A. P. 180 0 0	Rs. A. P. 15,400 0 0	2,520	2,406	4,926
Or per mile of railway ...	262	88 0 0	880 0	79 0 0	2 0 0	179 0 0	...	...	...
For previous 15 weeks of half-year ...	376,756	1,16,115 0 0	5,71,142 0	49,708 0 0	4,010 0 0	1,60,923 0 0	37,840	27,066	64,906
Total for 16 weeks ...	399,316	1,24,535 0 0	6,47,652 0	56,598 0 0	4,190 0 0	1,85,323 0 0	40,160	29,472	69,632
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	16,302	6,681 0 0	60,694 0	5,055 0 0	86 0 0	11,722 0 0	3,030	2,316	5,346
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	197	66 0 0	706 0	60 0 0	1 0 0	136 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	378,760	1,15,890 0 0	5,69,828 0	54,218 0 0	3,303 0 0	1,73,901 0 0	43,805	27,160	70,965

* Audited up to 11th August 1900.

COOCH BEHAR STATE RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 20th October 1900, on 33.73 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (including ferry).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	3,600	Rs. A. P. 1,100 0 0	Mds. s. 7,100 0	Rs. A. P. 950 0 0	Rs. A. P. 90 0 0	Rs. A. P. 2,040 0 0	250	380	630
Or per mile of railway ...	92	83 0 0	213 0	25 0 0	2 0 0	60 0 0	...	...	...
For previous 15 weeks of half-year ...	20,502	12,655 0 0	99,152 0	12,191 0 0	1,635 0 0	25,381 0 0	4,487	11,417	15,904
Total for 16 weeks ...	24,102	13,755 0 0	106,252 0	13,141 0 0	1,725 0 0	26,421 0 0	4,737	11,797	16,534
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	2,070	601 0 0	10,635 0	1,129 0 0	108 0 0	1,806 0 0	315	317	632
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	62	20 0 0	321 0	34 0 0	...	54 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	31,634	19,334 0 0	1,22,335 0	11,705 0 0	1,339 0 0	23,878 0 0	5,623	14,015	19,638

* Excluding coaching ferry, Rs. 30.

† Audited up to 11th August 1900.

MYMENSINGH-JAGANNATHGANJ RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 30th October 1900, on 53.37 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	9,100	2,800 0 0	20,900 0	3,569 0 0	30 0 0	5,890 0 0	1,130	560	1,690
Or per mile of railway ...	171	43 0 0	393 0	67 0 0	.....	110 0 0	...	...	...
For previous 16 weeks of half-year* ...	127,014	30,912 0 0	1,73,214 0	18,142 0 0	549 0 0	49,694 0 0	15,096	7,536	22,632
Total for 16 weeks ...	136,114	33,712 0 0	1,94,214 0	21,702 0 0	579 0 0	50,434 0 0	16,226	8,102	24,328
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	3,573	761 0 0	7,956 0	323 0 0	4 0 0	1,088 0 0	710	214	924
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	108	23 0 0	261 0	10 0 0	.....	33 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	57,778	13,205 0 0	56,036 0	2,798 0 0	81 0 0	16,084 0 0	10,041	7,248	17,289

* Audited up to week ended 11th August 1900.

BRAHMAPUTRA-SULTANPUR RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 30th October 1900, on 59 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	5,230	1,470 0 0	18,160 0	1,853 0 0	40 0 0	3,310 0 0	1,672	1,204†	2,772
Or per mile of railway ...	89	25 0 0	308 0	31 0 0	2 0 0	56 0 0	...	...	...
For previous 16 weeks of half-year* ...	64,800	17,500 0 0	2,60,445 0	29,080 0 0	5,272 0 0	51,958 0 0	11,886	12,035	24,921
Total for 16 weeks* ...	70,030	18,970 0 0	2,77,605 0	30,930 0 0	5,302 0 0	55,268 0 0	13,468	14,136	27,603
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	964	266 0 0	5,408 0	281 0 0	14 0 0	561 0 0	330	459	689
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	50	11 0 0	219 0	11 0 0	1 0 0	28 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	24,600	7,118 0 0	1,20,309 0	5,317 0 0	125 0 0	12,560 0 0	3,314	19,876	14,190

* Audited up to 11th August 1900.

† Includes ballast trains 672 miles.

BENGAL CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY, "LIMITED."

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 13th October 1900, on 139 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	26,133	12,152 0 0	1,29,747 0	16,707 0 0	65 0 0	26,014 0 0	4,138	7,300	11,528
Or per mile of railway ...	201	93 0 0†	920 0	121 0 0	.....	214 0 0	...	...	...
For previous 14 weeks of half-year* ...	437,353	1,63,902 0 0	17,00,375 0	2,00,305 0 0	19,373 0 0	3,63,680 0 0	54,561	69,443	116,004
Total for 15 weeks ...	463,475	1,76,054 0 0	18,30,123 0	2,17,102 0 0	19,433 0 0	4,12,694 0 0	58,699	69,833	128,532
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	54,041	15,247 0 0	1,06,216 0	13,221 0 0	100 0 0	27,668 0 0	4,223	5,150	9,378
Per mile of Railway corresponding week of previous year ...	269	117 0 0	764 0	88 0 0	1 0 0	206 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	496,909	1,80,229 0 0	12,03,018 0	1,42,779 0 0	19,638 0 0	3,44,946 0 0	70,851	60,392	131,243

* Audited up to week ending 1st September 1900.

† Coaching traffic calculated on 139 miles only.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ending 20th October 1900 on 1,118 miles open.

(a) Increase due to increased mileage.
(b) Decrease due to slack traffic and the traffic being especially good last year.
(c) Includes 5,970 miles of ballast trains run on open line.
(d) " audited figures up to week ending 1st September 1900.
(e) " 5,748 miles of ballast trains run on open line.

(WORKED BY THE B. & N.-W. RAILWAY.)

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ending 20th October 1900 on 18 miles open.

(a) Includes audited figures up to week ending 1st September 1900.

(WORKED BY THE B. & N.-W. RAILWAY.)

Audited Return of Traffic for week ending 1st September 1900 on 18 miles open.

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SEGOWLIE-RAKSAUL BRANCH RAILWAY.

(WORKED BY THE B. & N.-W. RAILWAY.)

Audited Return of Traffic for week ending 8th September 1900 on 18 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Passengers carried.	Receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
	No.	Rs. A. P.	Mds.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week on 18 miles open	1,098	180 4 10	1,073	69 5 11	17 2 0	268 13 9	163	33	216
Or per mile of railway	60.80	10 0 3	100.56	3 13 5	0 15 3	14 13 3			
For previous 9 weeks of half-year	5,048	800 2 10	30,381	993 15 7	21 4 0	1,833 6 5	1,176	318	1,494
Total for 10 weeks	6,146	980 7 8	32,355	1,003 5 6	38 6 0	2,000 3 2	1,339	351	1,710
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year on 18 miles open									
Per mile of corresponding week of previous year									
Total to corresponding date of previous year									

DARJEELING-HIMALAYAN RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Approximate earnings for the week ending 20th October 1900	Rs. A. P.
Ditto for the corresponding period of 1899	12,707 0 0
Increase	9,461 0 0
Receipts per mile for the week ending 20th October 1900	249 2 6
Ditto for the corresponding period of 1899	185 8 2
Increase	63 10 4
Receipts from 1st July to 20th October 1900	1,99,868 0 0
Ditto for the corresponding period of 1899	1,92,044 0 0
Increase	7,814 0 0



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RESOLUTION REVIEWING THE REPORTS ON THE WORKING OF THE PURI LODGING-HOUSE ACT, 1871, DURING THE YEAR 1899-1900.

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.—MUNICIPAL.

Darjeeling, the 30th October 1900.

RESOLUTION—No. 2297T.—M.

READ—

The reports from the Commissioners of Divisions on the working of the Puri Lodging-house Act, IV (B.C.) of 1871, as amended by Acts II (B.C.) of 1879, and I (B.C.) of 1884, during the year 1899-1900, in the various places to which it has been extended.

Read also—

The Resolution reviewing the Commissioners' reports on the working of the Act during the year 1898-99.

Extension of the Act.—The Puri Lodging-house Act, Bengal IV of 1871, as amended by Bengal Acts II of 1879 and I of 1884, was in force in the towns and areas named in the margin during the year. It had also been extended to the railway stations at Jatni, Kalupara, Chalipur, and Balugaon during the previous year, and bye-laws for the proper working of the Act in the new area have lately been

In the Burdwan Division.

- (1) Garhbeta.
- (2) Ulubaria.
- (3) Gowankhali.
- (4) Duntun.
- (5) Midnapore.

In the Presidency Division.

- (6) Nadia.

In the Chittagong Division.

- (7) Sitakund.

In the Patna Division.

- (8) Gaya.

In the Bhagalpur Division.

- (9) Deoghur.

In the Orissa Division.

- (10) Chatties on the Jagannath Road in the district of Balasore.
- (11) Chatties on the Jagannath Road in the district of Cuttack.
- (12) Chandbali.
- (13) Jajpur.
- (14) Barang chatti on the Ganjam Road in the district of Cuttack.
- (15) Puri town and the chatties on the Jagannath Road in the district of Puri.

sanctioned by Government. The operation of the Act was withdrawn from the town of Gewankhali during the latter part of the year.

2. *Licensed lodging-houses.*—The total number of lodging-houses increased from 1,678 in 1898-99 to 2,687. The increase is most marked in Puri, where the number of licenses rose to 1,295 from 327 in the previous year. This large increase is said to be due to the great influx of pilgrims in that town during the late car festival. The number of lodging-houses, however, fell from 215 to 167 in the towns of Garhbeta, Dantun, Gewankhali, Midnapore, and Ulubaria. The decrease was chiefly due to the discontinuance of the steamer service to Puri *via* Gewankhali, after the opening of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway.

The number of lodgers accommodated during the year rose from 54,210 to 60,061. The increase was shared by all the places in the Orissa Division, where the Act is in force, except Chandbali, and was most marked in Puri, where a larger number of pilgrims than usual required accommodation came during the car festival.

Income.—The total income of the year was Rs. 61,935 against Rs. 38,471, the opening balance being Rs. 25,022 and the closing balance Rs. 43,771. There was a general increase of income under all the heads, and, except Chandbali, all the places in the Orissa Division and Gaya contributed to the increase. The decline in Chandbali is said to be due to the opening of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway. There was also a large decrease in the income during the year at Sitakund, where it fell from Rs. 3,138 in the previous year to Rs. 642. This decrease was due to the fall in the number of lodgers, as the year was considered inauspicious by Hindus for visiting the shrine at that place.

Expenditure.—The total expenditure was Rs. 43,186 against Rs. 37,247 in 1898-99. The increase occurred chiefly under the heads "Dispensaries and other medical expenditure," "Contingencies," and "Contribution to other funds" and "Miscellaneous." There was a decrease of expenditure under the heads "Conservancy," "Construction," and "Repairs." The closing balances are considerable at Sitakund, Gaya, Cuttack, Balasore, and Puri, and more money might have been spent over useful sanitary improvements at these places.

Prosecutions.—The number of persons prosecuted for receiving pilgrims without a license, for taking in more than the licensed number, and for other offences against the Act and bye-laws was 582 against 228 in the previous year, and the number convicted 507 against 211. The amount of fines realised rose from Rs. 1,818 to Rs. 5,858.

Public health.—The health of the places where the Act was in force is reported to have been generally good. Great mortality, however, occurred from cholera among the pilgrims at Puri during the *Rath Jatra*. One thousand and seventy deaths from cholera are reported from the various places, of which 1,027 took place in Puri and the chatties on the Jagannath Road, lying in the districts of the Orissa Division. The following statement shows the statistics of disease and mortality among the pilgrims during the year:—

Disease.	NUMBER OF PERSONS ADMITTED INTO HOSPITAL, INCLUDING THOSE REMAINING FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR.			Total.	Number of deaths in the lodging-houses.	Total number of deaths, columns 3 and 6.
	Cured.	Died.	Remaining on 31st March 1900.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cholera ...	713	911	4	1,628	159	1,070
Small-pox ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fever ...	514	33	3	550	27	60
Diarrhoea ...	151	30	2	183	3	33
Dysentery ...	245	82	5	332	5	87
Other diseases ...	592	65	15	672	5	70
Total ...	2,215	1,121	29	3,365	199	1,320

The above figures state only the mortality in places directly under the Lodging-house Act. The total number of cases of cholera in the Orissa Division during the *Rath Jatra* was 4,629, of which 3,757 ended fatally. The means of guarding against the recurrence of similar epidemics in future are under the consideration of Government. The conditions of pilgrimage to Orissa have been entirely altered by the recent extension of the East Coast Railway, and the question of dealing with the new conditions is one of considerable difficulty.

Water-supply.—In Puri eight ring wells are said to have been sunk in the lodging-houses, and 244 wells of different descriptions were thoroughly cleansed and disinfected. Two important tanks are also reported to have been cleaned out during the year. In Garhbeta, in the district of Midnapore, the water-supply is not considered to be sufficient, and the construction of a new well has been sanctioned to meet the wants of the locality. At Ulubaria, too, there is only one tank which affords good drinking-water to the public, and another such tank is badly wanted there. Nothing was spent during the year to remove this want. It is reported that since the close of the year the excavation of one tank has been commenced, but that the progress of the work is being greatly retarded by party dissensions in the town. Factions in such a matter are an absurdity, and it rests with the local officers to see that any such obstacles are promptly removed.

Local works.—A circular was issued towards the close of the year requiring the Lodging-house Committees, like other local bodies, to append to the annual reports, a brief summary of local works undertaken by them. The most important of these was in Gaya, where four masonry drains are reported to have been constructed at a total cost of Rs. 3,359.

On the whole, the Act appears to have been worked satisfactorily during the year in all the places where it was in force. Now that through railway communication has been established by the Bengal-Nagpur Railway Company, it is considered that the chatties along the Jagannath road will be very little used by the pilgrims, and, in view of this fact, the Magistrate of Cuttack suggests the abolition of these roadside chatties and the provision in their places of public dharmasalas built on sanitary principles. He also suggests that there should be one joint fund for the three districts of Cuttack, Puri, and Balasore. The question is one of importance, and should be submitted separately to Government.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be submitted to the Government of India, in the Home Department, and that copies of it be forwarded to the Commissioners of the Burdwan, Presidency, Chittagong, Patna, Bhagalpur, and Orissa Divisions, for information.

Ordered also, that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to the Sanitary Commissioner, Bengal, and to the Sanitary Board, and that it be published in the *Calcutta Gazette* for general information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

E. N. BAKER,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

RESOLUTION ON THE REPORT ON PLAGUE IN CALCUTTA FROM ITS
FIRST APPEARANCE TO 30TH JUNE 1900.

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT—MEDICAL.

Dated Darjeeling, the 3rd November 1900.

RESOLUTION—No. 2589 $\frac{\text{Medl.}}{\text{P.}}$

READ—

Report on Plague in Calcutta from its first appearance to 30th June 1900.

In order that the experience of plague which has been gained in Calcutta during the last three years might be summarised and presented in a convenient form, the Chairman of the Corporation was in June 1900 requested by Government to submit a report tracing the history and progress of the disease from its commencement. This report has now been received. It deals with the progress of plague from the first outbreak to 30th June 1900, and includes the reports which have from time to time been drawn up by the Medical Officers appointed for the purpose of dealing with the disease.

2. *History of plague in Calcutta.*—The history of the disease in its various stages is as follows.

In September 1896, almost coincidently with the outbreak of the disease in Bombay, a certain number of cases occurred in Calcutta which were regarded as suspicious. These, however, after considerable discussion, were declared by the Medical Board appointed by Government not to be cases of genuine plague; and the definite recognition of the disease was postponed for another year and-a-half.

The first known case of plague in Calcutta was discovered in April 1898, and at the end of that month the city was declared infected. It continued so until October of the same year, when cases ceased to be reported, and the city was accordingly declared free from plague. During these six months the attacks and deaths reported were 230 and 192, respectively. The outbreak therefore cannot be said to have been epidemic as that word is commonly understood.

During the next four months the disease remained quiescent. Some few isolated cases were reported which bacteriological examination showed to be plague, and there were a considerable number of cases in which, the cause of death not being sufficiently apparent, it was considered advisable to disinfect the houses in which they had occurred. The mortality during the whole of this period was above the average, and in the opinion of the Health Officer the greater part of the excess was in fact due to plague.

It was not, however, till the end of February 1899 that the existence of plague was sufficiently demonstrated to warrant a declaration that Calcutta was again infected. This outbreak lasted until the end of June 1899, and during these four months 1,336 cases and 1,223 deaths from plague were reported. It is, however, the decided opinion of both the Medical Officers who deal with this period that the above figures by no means represent the actual mortality for which plague was responsible; and in this opinion the Chairman concurs. What the true plague mortality was can only be conjectured. There appears to have been extensive concealment of cases, and the estimates of the authorities vary, the largest being slightly over 3,000. The highest mortality was reached in March and April. From April onwards it fell rapidly, and in June the total mortality was again normal.

In July the number of cases of plague was small, but for the remainder of the year it was in each month considerable. During the second half of 1899, 1,131 cases were returned as plague, and 898 as "suspicious"—a form of entry dating from this period. The limit therefore to the "epidemic" period of 1899, which is fixed in the reports at the middle of the year, appears to be a somewhat artificial one.

In 1900 the disease assumed very different proportions, and became for the first time violently epidemic. From January to the end of June 7,897 cases and 7,373 deaths from plague were reported. Of these, 3,667 cases, or nearly half of the total, occurred in the month of March, and 1,996 in April, after which the virulence of the epidemic abated rapidly. During this period cases were freely reported, and the Chairman shows by an interesting set of figures that information was obtained of practically all the deaths due to plague.

The total mortality due to plague in Calcutta from its first outbreak down to 30th June 1900, a period of 2 years and 3 months, has been, according to the official returns, 10,887. If in accordance with the opinion of the Chairman and the Medical authorities, suspicious cases and excess mortality not otherwise accounted for are put down to plague, the total may be fixed at 13,000 in round numbers.

3. *Local distribution.*—The following table shows the localities in which the disease has been most prevalent in each period since its first outbreak. The wards are arranged in order of mortality from the disease :—

		Wards.				
		VIII	XIII	X	VII	V
1898	...	III	V	VI	I	XXII
1899	{ January to June ...	XXII	VI	III	V	IX
	{ July to December ...	V	VIII	VII	II	VI
1900	(January to June) ...					

The striking feature of the above table is the continued prominence of Ward No. V, Jorabagan, and this is still more noticeable when the figures for the latest period, which account for more than all the other periods together, are examined. This is not accounted for by the population of the ward, which, though large, is not greater than that of Ward No. IX, and is less than that of Wards Nos. VI, VIII and XXII. During that period no less than 1,555 cases occurred in Ward No. V, or more than the total of any other two wards together.

The local characteristics of this ward merit accordingly a brief description; and a sufficiently striking one is supplied by the report of the Health Officer of Calcutta for 1896. Writing of the southern portion of the ward Dr. Simpson said :—

“Every one I have taken over the area . . . is unanimous in condemning it as unfit for human habitation and a source of danger to the town . . . The narrow, ill-ventilated streets; the passages to which neither light nor fresh air have access; the filthy condition of both; the close proximity of the houses to one another, and their overcrowded state, combine to form conditions which render proper sanitation impossible. It is a standing menace to the rest of the city; and should plague once obtain a firm footing in this quarter, which is the worst I am acquainted with in any city I have seen, there is every likelihood of the disease becoming endemic.”

This description is endorsed by the present Health Officer and by the Chairman, who, in concluding his history of the epidemics by commenting on the state of this area, remarks that “at the present time signs are not wanting that there may be an epidemic of greater intensity yet to come.”

4. *Precautionary measures.*—The history of the measures adopted to deal with plague in Calcutta is brief and simple.

When plague attacked Calcutta in 1898, certain measures had been formulated by expert authority and proscribed for general adoption throughout India by the Supreme Government. Their leading features were carefully enforced death registration, house-to-house visitation, segregation of the sick and of contacts, the evacuation of infected localities, disinfection, and the enforcement of general sanitary precautions.

In Calcutta the provisions regarding segregation and evacuation were at once modified by offering inoculation as an alternative, and by permitting isolation in private houses of the better class.

In spite of this, however, the first appearance of plague was signalled by an unprecedented panic and exodus from the town, and by several most regrettable disturbances. Fortunately the outbreak was but a slight one, and meanwhile it served the purpose of indicating how far the general policy till then proscribed was practicable in Calcutta and how far not. When plague

reappeared in the succeeding year, the policy of Government was stated in a Resolution of which the following is an extract:—

“In order that effective measures may be taken to prevent the spread of infection, it is of the first importance that every case which occurs shall be promptly brought to the notice of the authorities. Foreign Governments would have just cause for complaint if the regulations in force were so repugnant to the sense of the people affected as to drive them to withhold information and hide away their sick instead of bringing them forward for treatment.”

Compulsory removal to hospital and segregation were accordingly abolished, and have since remained so. The policy which has been followed from that time to the present, and which has been recently reaffirmed by the Indian Plague Commission and the Government of India, is that of making every effort to obtain information of cases, and of inducing the people to accept the measures which experience has indicated to be of most avail in preventing the spread of the disease. Of these the principal, in fact practically the only one generally used in Calcutta, has been disinfection.

5. *Information of plague cases.*—The Chairman examines in detail the steps which have been taken to obtain information of cases, and the measure of success which has attended them. Such measures as house-to-house visitation and the offer of rewards for information of cases have never been even suggested in Calcutta; nor have penalties for not volunteering information been enforced, except in occasional instances. Volunteer agencies have in many instances done most valuable work, but the task of reporting cases is not one with which they have been able to cope, except to a limited extent. The work of ascertaining cases has therefore devolved almost entirely upon the officers of the Plague Department. Their enquiries are prosecuted as follows.

At the central registration office an abstract is made daily of the deaths in each of the districts into which for plague administrative purposes Calcutta is divided, and the list is sent to the District Medical Officer. He scrutinises this list with reference to the details of each case given in it and the character of the locality from which it is reported; and an investigation is ordered into all cases which it is thought probable may be cases of plague. Enquiries are then conducted on the spot, in a manner of which a full and interesting description is given in Major Deane's report. When such information as can be extracted has been collected, the District Medical Officer enters the case either as “plague,” “suspicious,” or “not suspicious” according to the evidence; and it is dealt with or left alone accordingly. Major Deane mentions that the people themselves give no information of sickness during life, and that living cases are found chiefly through the dead, that is, in the course of the enquiries described above.

The absence of mention of living cases seen by officers of the Department is a noticeable feature of the reports for 1898 and 1899. From January to June 1899, out of a total of 2,029 plague or suspicious cases, only 26 were seen alive. In the first six months of 1900, on the other hand, 1,409 living cases were seen out of 7,897 reported.

From the beginning of June, however, a new feature of some significance has appeared in the weekly returns. This is the close approximation of the number of cases with the number of deaths. In the 20 weekly returns from 2nd June to the 13th October, the numbers have been identical in 9, and in none of the remainder have the figures differed by more than 4. The total numbers were 1,895 and 1,879, respectively. If these figures were correct, they would denote that virtually every case of plague terminates fatally. This is, of course, not the truth. Roughly speaking, the proportion of plague attacks which end in death is 80 per cent. If, then, it may be assumed that all deaths due to plague have been traced, these figures would indicate that during the period in question some 470 cases ending in recovery escaped discovery. Meanwhile, the total mortality from all causes has been largely in excess of the normal. The average number of deaths from all causes from 1st June to 13th October is 7,213, whereas the actuals have been 10,207, showing an excess of 2,994, or more than 40 per cent. When all due allowance has been made for the known prevalence of malarial fever and for deaths due indirectly to the

floods of September, these figures are disquieting, and suggest that a certain number of deaths really due to plague have escaped record as such. On the other hand, it is known that the procedure for investigation has not changed; and if this was successful earlier in the year as is well established), it is not clear why it should have failed in the later months. If there has been failure, it is of significance; for the sheet-anchor of the plague policy observed in Calcutta is disinfection of every room or tenement in which, or in the vicinity of which, a case has occurred, whether ending fatally or not; and if non-fatal cases are not discovered, the work of disinfection must be incomplete.

This emphasizes the importance of the more widely extended process of disinfecting, which is referred to below as "extra disinfection." In the meantime the Lieutenant-Governor desires that the Chairman and the Special Health Officer will submit the special reports which were called for some weeks ago, and lay before Government the measures they propose to adopt in order to ensure the prompt discovery of all attacks of the disease, whether fatal or not.

6. *Disinfection.*—Of the recognised preventives against plague, disinfection has been practically the only one on which reliance has been placed in Calcutta.

The procedure throughout has been to disinfect every room in which either a case of ascertained plague or a case suspected to be plague has occurred. Thus, between January and June 1899, only 1,336 cases of ascertained plague were reported, but 4,750 premises were disinfected. And since February 1900 this policy has been extended to the disinfection of whole bustees or streets in any part of which a case of plague had occurred. During the period with which the present report deals, the demands upon the time of the Medical Officers and disinfecting Inspectors were too great to allow of much being done in this matter; but since the subsidence of the epidemic at the close of this period great efforts have been made to extend it as much as possible, in the hope of exterminating the plague bacillus during the dormant period from its chosen habitations. In 1900, up to the 8th September, 42,314 rooms have been subjected to this "extra disinfection."

In carrying out these measures, the Chairman rightly observes that the value of the influence of men of local standing is enormous. He quotes three instances in which local opposition was readily overcome by invoking the aid of the land-owners, Raja Binoy Krishna Bahadur, Maharaja Bahadur Sir Narendra Krishna, and Babu Sarat Chandra Mukerji, respectively. The cordial thanks of Government are due to these gentlemen for their enlightened and public-spirited co-operation, and the Lieutenant-Governor hopes that the example they have set may be taken to heart by all gentlemen of position in Calcutta, to whom a like opportunity may be offered.

How far disinfection is efficacious in preventing the spread of plague is a question upon which judgment must for the present be deferred. The experience of the approaching cold weather, following upon these extensive disinfection operations, may be expected to supply materials for more conclusive inferences than can at present be drawn.

Major Deane, who has made disinfection his especial study, discusses in a careful and impartial manner the actual results hitherto obtained from it; and, while frankly admitting the difficulty of eliminating from calculation the influence of unknown and complicating factors, comes to the important conclusion that a room in which plague cases have been lying for several days may be occupied with perfect safety after disinfection as soon even as the operators have left the scene. This conclusion is arrived at after observations of a large number of cases, of which several are described in detail in Major Deane's report, and two typical instances of which deserve notice. They are as follows:—

In Kali Bazar 10 cases of plague occurred between 2nd February and 20th March 1900. It was decided to attempt to check the further progress of the disease by disinfection on a large scale, and the inhabitants were persuaded, with considerable difficulty, to consent to this. Thirty large godowns were accordingly emptied of their contents, and, with the verandahs attached to them, were entirely disinfected, the operations lasting six days.

No more cases occurred in that part of the bazar.

Again, in May 1900, plague broke out in a large bustee, composed of four blocks of houses, which had been infected in the previous year. Several deaths

occurred, and in each case the rooms in which they had taken place were disinfected, disinfection being extended by degrees to the whole of each block in which the infected houses were situated. The disease, however, continued to spread from one block to another, eleven cases occurring in three weeks. At the end of this period, the entire bustee, except one house, was disinfected; and since that date no more cases have occurred in it.

Major Deane's conclusion is that the first seven cases (two of which occurred in disinfected rooms) are accounted for by a common source of infection; that the infection was being slowly disseminated, and that it was ultimately suppressed by the completion of the disinfecting operations.

Other instances are cited to the same effect. In spite of the recurrence of a certain number of cases in houses already disinfected, which may be ascribed either to incomplete disinfection or to the second patient having already contracted the disease at the time of the disinfecting operations, the result is a decided, if not conclusive, preponderance of evidence that disinfection, when carried out on as large a scale as possible, is a useful and efficacious preventive agency.

In the opinion of the Lieutenant-Governor this conclusion had been indicated by facts observed at the opening of the current year; and he has watched with great interest its subsequent progress towards confirmation. Disinfection is the only preventive measure which it is practicable to work on a large scale in Calcutta. The results obtained from it so far have been promising, and give at least some grounds for the hope that if another attack cannot be avoided, it may be materially mitigated.

7. *Characteristics of Plague in Calcutta.*—To the nature of the disease itself and the methods by which it is spread Major Deane devotes a discussion which is doubtless of interest and value to experts. By the general reader its leading feature will probably be considered to be the absence of definite conclusions. The characteristics selected by Major Deane for special remark are the very low contagious and infectious properties which the disease has displayed; and in perusing the reports the reader cannot fail to be struck by the remarkable contrast which both the mortality figures of the present visitation and the descriptive passages supplementing them present to the records of the various epidemics which depopulated in earlier times the regions they visited.

8. *Attitude of the people.*—The attitude of the people towards the disease and towards the measures adopted to deal with it is now well known. It has throughout been the principal factor which has had to be considered in dealing with the disease. Where the incidence of plague has been really severe, the people have readily given information to the plague authorities and have sought their aid. They have also to some extent, following the prescription of Defoe, taken refuge from it in flight. But when once the virulence of an epidemic has abated and the fear of death is no longer before their eyes, their attitude has throughout been one, if not of actual hostility, at least of entire indifference to precautionary measures and unwillingness to undergo the slightest present inconvenience in order to guard against future calamity. It is this attitude which has been the perpetual obstacle in dealing with plague in Calcutta. Of this the Government cannot complain. It is human nature that precaution and help should lessen as anxieties abate. The plague officers must calmly and patiently persevere, at least they are no longer opposed. That the original animosity and suspicion of the people have been so remarkably changed, is due to the unsparing energy and unfailing tact of the officers to whom the administration of plague in Calcutta has been entrusted.

9. Among these officers the thanks of Government are, in the first place, due to Mr. Greer and Mr. Bright, successively Chairmen of the Corporation. Mr. Greer held that office when plague first appeared in 1898, and on him fell the heavy and anxious task of organising the original measures for dealing with it. His success in securing public confidence and support, and in speedily allaying the first unreasoning panic, have deserved the warm encomiums of Government. From November 1898 Mr. W. R. Bright was in charge of plague measures for almost the whole period during which they have been in force. They have imposed upon him, in addition to duties already

sufficiently onerous, a burden heavy enough in itself to test to the utmost the energies and capabilities of the most experienced administrator. They have throughout been carried out by him with sound judgment and with untiring industry. The strain thus entailed upon him has recently resulted in the breakdown of his health, and his consequent resignation of the post of Chairman; and his loss will be severely felt in plague administration both by Government and by the community with which he has had to deal.

The medical supervision of plague measures has, during the greater and the most trying part of the period under notice, rested with Major Deane, R.A.M.C. The Chairman pays a well-deserved tribute to the admirable way in which he has managed his department, and the Lieutenant-Governor has much pleasure in heartily endorsing the Chairman's opinion. Dr. Neild Cook and Major Green, I.M.S., dealt successfully with plague administration at a time when the disease, though less severe in its incidence, was, owing to its novelty, more alarming and more difficult to deal with than in its later stages. The District Medical Officers, Drs. Pettifer, Hossack, Justice, Pearse, and Crake, have done admirable work throughout; and the gratifying fact that the subordinate staff are said to have worked excellently is doubtless to be attributed in great part to the supervision of these officers.

Much assistance has been rendered by private gentlemen. In 1899 the Ward Committees of Wards 2, 5, 6, 7 and 22 are reported to have been specially useful. Similar Committees are now being reconstituted on a new basis, and it is hoped that they will be of great assistance in future.

Of individuals, Mr. Abdur Rahman, Khan Bahadur, Rai Harayram Goenka Bahadur, Rai Kailash Chunder Bose Bahadur, C.I.E., Babu Jadu Nath Set, Dr. M. N. Banerji, Babu Lal Bihari Baisakh, Mr. J. C. Dutt, Pandit Keshab Prosad Misser, the Rev. J. Ashton and Dr. Hari Das Haldar are specially mentioned as having given general assistance to the authorities. Mr. John Laird, Manager of the Union Jute Mills, did valuable work in securing the disinfection of the quarters occupied by his employes, and has already received the special thanks of Government.

In connection with the work of extra disinfection the following gentlemen are mentioned by the Plague Department as having rendered special assistance :—

Babu Mannu Misser.
 „ Ram Lal Mitter.
 Raja Benoy Krishna Deb Bahadur.
 Kumar Sailendra Kristo Deb.
 Babu Troylokha Nath Ghose.
 Kumar Anath Kristo Deb.
 Babu Baroda Kanta Mitra.
 Maharaja Mouindra Krishna Nandi.
 Dr. K. N. Singh.

Babu Shashi Bhusan Sen.
 „ Akhil Chandra Bose.
 „ Kumod Krishna Mitter.
 „ Anukul Chander Dhur.
 „ Manu Lal Sarap.
 Pandit Keshub Chunder Misser.
 Babu Chuni Lal.
 Maulvi Badruddin Haider, Khan Bahadur.
 Babu S. C. Mukherji.

To each and all of these gentlemen the Lieutenant-Governor desires to express his appreciation of the services which they have rendered to their fellow citizens and to Government. The example of enlightened public spirit which has been set by them cannot but be of the greatest value in securing for the measures prescribed by Government that general co-operation of the people themselves by the aid of which alone can the speedy eradication of plague from Calcutta be hoped for.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

E. N. BAKER,
Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

WEATHER AND CROP REPORT.

For the week ending the 5th November 1900.

Burdwan.—No rains at Sadar, Kalna, Katwa, and Raniganj. Weather seasonable. Sowing of *rabi* continues. Prospects of standing crops good. Fodder and water sufficient. More rain wanted everywhere. A few cases of cattle-disease reported from Katwa. Common rice selling as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	12	} per rupee.
Kalna	11	
Katwa	12	
Raniganj	13	

Birbhum.—No rain. Weather fine and cool. Standing crops doing well. *Aus* being harvested. Fodder sufficient. Price of rice at Sadar 12 seers and at Rampur Hât 14 seers per rupee.

Bankura.—No rain. Weather fine. Sowing of *rabi* commenced. Fodder and water sufficient. No cattle-disease reported. Common rice at Bankura 13½ seers and at Vishnupur 11½ seers per rupee.

Midnapore.—No rain. Fodder scanty at Contai and Tamluk. Standing crops satisfactory except in flooded tracts. *Rabi* being sown. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	13	} per rupee.
Contai	12	
Tamluk	11	
Ghatal	12	

Hooghly.—Rainfall nil. Sowing of *rabi* and potato continues. Rain wanted in many places for *aman*. Common rice sells at 10½ seers per rupee.

Howrah.—No rain. Cold weather setting in. Standing crops doing well. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells at 10½ seers per rupee.

24-Parganas.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospect of winter crops in high land good, but rain is much wanted in Barasat. Lands are being prepared for *rabi* crops. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	10	} per rupee.
Barasat	10	
Basirhat	11	
Diamond Harbour	11	

Nadia.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of *aman* and other standing crops generally good. *Rabi* prospects good. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	11½	} per rupee.
Kushtia	15	
Meherpur	13½	
Chuadanga	12½	
Ranaghat	10	

Murshidabad.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of *aman* favourable. Sowing of *rabi* crops going on. Cattle-disease reported from thana Nabagram of Lalbagh subdivision. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	12	} per rupee.
Lalbagh	14	
Kandi	14	
Jangipur	15	

Jessore.—Rainfall at Sadar 0·02. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops good. Lands are being ploughed for *rabi* crops. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	14	} per rupee.
Jhenida	15½	
Magura	13½	
Narail	Report not received.	
Bangaon	12½	

Khulna.—Rainfall at Sadar nil, Bagerhat 0·16, Satkhira nil. Weather seasonable. *Aman* paddy doing well. Prospect favourable. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows :—

				Srs.	
Sadar	...	...	...	12½	} per rupee.
Bagerhat	...	...	...	12½	
Satkhira	...	...	...	11	

Rajshahi.—Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops fair. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells at 14 seers a rupee.

Dinajpur.—Rainfall nil. Weather fine. Rain wanted. Prospects of *aman* moderate. Cultivation of *rabi* going on. No cattle-disease. Rice selling at 15 seers in Dinajpur and 13 seers in Thakurgaon.

Jalpaiguri.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospect of *haimanti* paddy not favourable for want of rain. Jute being prepared and sold. Tobacco being transplanted. Price of common rice steady. Fodder and water sufficient.

Darjeeling.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. *Bora marua*, *aman dhan*, *kalai* and *phapor* progressing. Sowing of wheat and barley going on. *Terai*—*haimanti* paddy progressing. Ploughing for mustard, tobacco and potato going on. Harvesting of jute nearly finished. Coarse rice sells as follows :—

				Srs.	
Hills	...	...	...	9	} per rupee.
Terai	...	...	...	14	

Bhutta sells at Darjeeling 22 seers and at Kalimpong 28 seers per rupee.

Rangpur.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Rain badly wanted. Sowing of potato and transplantation of tobacco going on. Cattle-disease prevailing in parts of the Nilphamari subdivision. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows :—

				Srs.	
Sadar	13	} per rupee.
Gaibanda	...	...	...	12
Kurigram	...	...	...	10
Nilphamari	...	...	...	13

Bogra.—No rain. Cultivation for *rabi* crops going on. Prospects fair. Fodder and water sufficient. Prices unchanged.

Pabna.—Rainfall nil. Weather cool. Prospects of crops fair. Prices unchanged.

Dacca.—Rainfall at Sadar ·10, Manikganj nil, Munshiganj ·10, Narainganj nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops good except in Sadar subdivision for want of rain. Fodder available. No cattle-disease. Common rice sells at 12 seers per rupee.

Mymensingh.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of winter rice crop good except at Jamalpur, where rain is wanted. Condition of cattle good. Fodder and drinking water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows :—

				Srs.	
Sadar	12	} per rupee.
Jamalpur	...	...	...	12
Kishoreganj	...	...	...	11½
Tangail	...	...	...	11½
Netrokona	...	...	...	13½

Faridpur.—Rainfall at Sadar 0·30, Gcalundo nil, Madaripur nil. Weather cool. State and prospects of crops good. Common rice sells at 12 seers a rupee.

Backergunge.—Rainfall at Sadar 0·08. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops good. Common rice sells at 12 seers (*aman*) and 13½ seers (*aus*) per rupee.

Tippera.—Rainfall at Sadar ·02, Brahmanbaria ·12. More rain is required for *aman* paddy. Sowing of *rabi* crops commenced. Water and fodder available. Common rice 12½ seers per rupee.

Noakhali.—Rainfall at Sadar ·74, Feni nil. Prospects of standing crops good. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells at Sadar 12 seers and at Feni 15 seers per rupee.

Chittagong.—No rain. Prospect of *aman* crops not favourable owing to insufficient rain. Water and fodder sufficient. Common rice 12½ seers per rupee.

Patna.—Rainfall nil. Prospect of standing paddy good. Harvesting of early paddy and crushing of sugarcane begun. *Rabi* sowing in progress. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water for cattle sufficient. Common rice in Patna sells at 15 seers 4 rupee.

Gaya.—Rainfall at Sadar, Nawada, Jahanabad and Aurangabad nil. Paddy doing well. *Rabi* sowing going on. Sugarcane pressing commenced. Common rice selling at 11½ seers per rupee.

Shahabad.—No rain. Weather fine. *Rabi* sowing in progress. Standing crops good. Fodder and water sufficient. Rice at Sadar 12 seers per rupee.

Saran.—Rainfall at Sadar, Siwan and Gopalganj nil. Weather seasonable. Paddy attaining maturity. Common rice 14 seers 6 chitaks and *makai* 22 seers per rupee.

Champanan.—Rainfall nil. Cold weather setting in. Preparation for *rabi* in progress. Prospects of crops good. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice and maize sell at Sadar and Bettiah at 16 and 26½ seers per rupee respectively.

Muzaffarpur.—Prospects of *aghani* good. *Rabi* sowing continues. Prices are—Common rice 15 seers, wheat 13 seers, barley 16 seers, maize 24 seers, gram 15 seers, *arhar* 15 seers, and *marua* 22 seers per rupee.

Darbhanga.—Rainfall nil. Prospects of standing crops good. Sowing of *rabi* in progress. Fodder and water sufficient. No cattle-disease reported. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs.	
Sadar	...	...	...	18½	} per rupee.
Samastipur	...	...	...	14	
Madhubani	...	...	...	15 ⁹ / ₁₀	

Monghyr.—No rain. Weather seasonable. *Rabi* sowings continue. Pressing of sugarcane commenced. Standing crops doing well. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs.	
Monghyr	...	...	...	13 ⁵ / ₁₅	} per rupee.
Begusarai	...	...	Report not received.		
Jamui	...	...	...	12½	

Bhagalpur.—Weather cold. Paddy ripening. *Rabi* being sown. Cattle-disease reported from the northern subdivisions. Fodder and water sufficient. Prices stationary.

Purnea.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Lands are being ploughed for *rabi* crops. *Aghani* plants in ears. Prospects of standing crops good. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs.	
Sadar	...	...	...	15	} per rupee.
Kishanganj	...	...	...	14	
Araria	...	...	...	18	

Malda.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops good. No cattle-disease. Price of rice stationary. Fodder and water sufficient.

Sonthal Parganas.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Standing crops doing well. *Rabi* sowing commenced. Early winter rice is being harvested. Rain still needed for paddy on third class lands in Jamtara. Cattle-disease reported from Godda. Fodder and water sufficient. Average price of rice 13 seers 9 chitaks and of maize 21 seers 9 chitaks per rupee.

Cuttack.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. *Laghu sarad* in ears. *Guru sarad* and sugarcane growing. *Rabi* thriving. Condition of cattle good. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs. ch.	
Cuttack	14 7	} per rupee.
Jajpur	...	...	...	17 1
Kendrapara	...	...	...	17 1
Banki	...	...	...	17 15

Balasore.—Rain nil at Sadar. *Sarad* in ears; *kandha* ripening; *baali* is being reaped. *Rabi* sowing continues. Sugarcane growing well. Rice sells at 16½ and 14½ seers per rupee in interior and Balasore respectively. Cattle-disease reported from Basudebpur circle. Fodder sufficient, but rain is wanted.

Angul.—Rainfall at Sadar nil, Bissipara 14. Weather cloudy. Harvesting of early paddy in progress. Oilseeds being sown. Prospects of standing crops good. Average price of common rice at Angul 18 seers and at Bissipara 10 seers per rupee. Cattle-disease

prevails. Number of persons daily on relief works in Khondmals—Men 670, women 1,177, children 344.

Puri.—Rainfall at Sadar 0·01, Khurda nil. Weather seasonable. *Laghu* paddy ripening. *Bara sarad* in ears. *Biri, arhar, kulthi* and other miscellaneous crops growing well. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows :—

				Srs.	ch.	
Sadar	15 12	} per rupee.
Khurda	...	...	...	...	14 7
Interior of district	...	...	...	(old)	13 8
				(new)	18 6	

Hazaribagh.—Rainfall both at Sadar and Giridi nil. Weather seasonable. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells at Sadar 16 seers and at Giridi 13 seers per rupee. Prospect of paddy good.

Ranchi.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of winter paddy continues. Sowing of *rabi* nearly completed. Average price of common rice 10 seers and that of *bhadoi* 19 seers per rupee. No cattle-disease reported. Fodder and water sufficient.

Palamau.—No rain. Weather seasonable. *Rabi* sowing continues. Standing crops are all doing well. Rice selling at Sadar 14 seers per rupee.

Manbhum.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops on ground good. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle-disease reported from Purulia and Topchanchi thanas. Average price of common rice at Sadar 12½ seers, and at Gobindpur 12 seers per rupee. Supply sufficient.

Singhbhum.—Rainfall nil. Prospects unchanged. Average price of rice 17 seers in the district; at Chaibassa 16 seers.

General Summary.—Slight rain fell during the week in the districts of Jessore, Khulna, Dacca, Faridpur, Barisal, Tippera, Noakhali and Puri. More rain is wanted in Burdwan, Hooghly, 24-Parganas, Dinajpur, Jalpaiguri, Rangpur, Dacca, Mymensingh, Tippera, Chittagong, Sonthal Parganas and Balasore. Harvesting of jute nearly finished. Sowing of *rabi* crops continue. Pressing of sugarcane commenced. Prospects of crops generally good except in flooded tracts of Midnapore. Cattle-disease reported from the district of Burdwan, Murshidabad, Rangpur, Bhagalpur, Sonthal Parganas, Balasore, Angul and Manbhum. Want of fodder is reported from Contai and Tamluk in the district of Midnapore. The price of common rice has fallen in 22 districts, risen in 6 and is stationary in the rest.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

F. A. SLACKE,

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

The 6th November 1900.

Results of the Meteorological Observations taken at the Alipore Observatory from
28th October to 3rd November 1900.

Month.	Date.	Maximum in sun.	Number of hours of bright sunshine.	Mean pressure barometer at 32° Fahr.	TEMPERATURE.				HYGROMETRY.				WIND.		Rain.	WEATHER.	
					Mean.	Maximum.	Range.	Minimum.	Mean wet bulb.	Vapour tension.	Dew point.	Humidity.	Prevailing direc- tion.	Miles recorded.			
1900.				Inches.	°	°		°		Inch.		%			Inches.		
Oct.	28th	141.3	8.7	29.990	78.4	88.4	17.8	70.6	70.6	0.647	66.3	67	NNE	...	81	Nil	Chiefly clear.
"	29th	140.0	9.9	30.007	76.7	86.7	17.3	69.4	69.4	.620	65.0	69	NNW and N	...	70	"	Chiefly clear, D.
"	30th	138.9	9.5	.005	75.1	85.6	19.0	66.6	67.8	.585	63.4	69	NNW	...	114	"	Chiefly clear, D.
"	31st	140.3	9.2	29.967	74.6	85.7	19.7	66.0	67.5	.580	63.2	70	NNW	...	94	"	Chiefly clear, D.
Nov.	1st	137.6	8.7	.956	75.8	86.5	20.3	66.2	69.2	.627	65.4	71	ENW and N	...	76	"	Chiefly clear, D.
"	2nd	130.8	Nil	.979	75.7	85.4	17.6	67.8	69.5	.639	65.9	72	NNW, ENE and calm.	...	45	"	Cloudy, o.
"	3rd	138.9	8.6	.967	80.0	88.9	18.9	72.0	74.1	.764	71.2	74	NNW	...	75	"	Chiefly cloudy, o.

The mean pressure of the seven days 29.982
The average pressure of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office 29.899

The total number of hours of bright sunshine 54.6
The maximum possible number of hours of sunshine 79.0

The mean temperature of the seven days 76.6
The average temperature of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office 78.8
The extreme variation of temperature 22.9
The maximum temperature 88.9

The highest velocity of the wind in one hour 10
The mean relative humidity 70
The average relative humidity of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office 74

The total fall of rain from 28th October to 3rd November 1900 Nil
The average fall of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office 0.48
The total fall from 1st January to 3rd November 1900 89.27
The average fall of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office 64.63

The mean pressure, temperature, &c., are deduced from the traces of the Barograph and Thermograph, and from eye observations.

The maximum and minimum temperatures are obtained from self-registering thermometers. All the thermometers are verified and the readings have been corrected to a standard constructed and verified at the Kew Observatory. They are exposed under a thatched shed open at the sides, and are suspended four feet above the ground.

The barometer readings are corrected approximately to those of the standard, Newman's No. 86, formerly at the Surveyor-General's Office.

The hygrometric elements are obtained from Tables III, IV, and V of the official tables computed in the Meteorological Office, and based on Regnault's modifications of August's formula.

The directions and the movement of the wind are taken from the trace of a Beckley's anemograph.

The mouth of the rain-gauge is one foot above the ground.

D, dew; o, overcast.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, GOVT. OF INDIA,

Alipore (Calcutta), the 5th November 1900.

G. W. KÜCHLER,

For Meteorological Reporter to the Govt. of India
and Director-General of Indian Observatories.

IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT, BENGAL.

Abstract statement showing Tollage on Canals in Bengal classed as Major Works for the month of September 1900, as compared with that of the corresponding month of the previous year.

CANALS.	TOLLAGE, 1900-1901.		TOLLAGE, 1899-1900.	
	During the month.	To end of the month.	During the month.	To end of the month.
1	2	3	4	5
<i>Orissa Circle.</i>	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.
Taldanda Canal System	509 7 9	14,031 9 10	617 6 6	5,954 1 9
Kendrapara ditto	3,392 4 2	17,222 5 6	5,662 11 7	31,519 15 1
High Level, Range I	660 4 0	4,997 14 3	1,075 0 3	6,572 0 0
Ditto " II	185 7 3	1,389 7 3	182 2 6	1,506 4 3
Ditto " III	56 6 0	414 2 9	75 15 9	800 7 3
Jajpur Canal	24 1 3	139 4 9	30 11 9	223 13 9
Total Orissa Circle	4,827 14 5	38,194 12 4	7,644 0 4	46,576 10 1
<i>South-Western Circle.</i>				
Midnapore Canal	5,293 3 9	42,702 1 0	8,417 15 9	48,479 0 6
Hijili Tidal Canal	3,641 11 6	26,414 15 9	3,979 13 0	29,575 13 9
Total South-Western Circle	8,934 15 3	69,117 0 9	12,397 12 9	78,054 14 3
<i>Sone Circle.</i>				
Patna Canal System	767 8 6	7,848 9 5	4,487 4 0	23,992 8 0
Arrah ditto	804 13 3	8,932 10 0	2,146 4 6	15,451 12 3
Buxar ditto	450 8 0	6,377 4 6	1,364 15 3	7,744 15 9
Total Sone Circle	2,022 13 9	23,158 7 11	7,998 7 9	47,189 4 0
GRAND TOTAL	15,785 11 5	1,30,470 5 0	28,040 4 10	1,71,820 12 4

Government Transport Service.

CANAL.	TOLLAGE, 1900-1901.						TOLLAGE, 1899-1900.					
	During the month.			To end of the month.			During the month.			To end of the month.		
	Passengers.	Goods.	Total receipts.	Passengers.	Goods.	Total receipts.	Passengers.	Goods.	Total receipts.	Passengers.	Goods.	Total receipts.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Orissa Circle.	No.	Mds.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Mds.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Mds.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Mds.	Rs. A. P.
High Level ...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,233	13	10,117 7 9	43,023	2,560	40,267 6 0
Total Orissa Circle ...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,233	13	10,117 7 9	43,023	2,560	40,267 6 0

Assessed Tollage Receipts.

CANALS.	EARNINGS, 1900-1901.		EARNINGS, 1899-1900.	
	During the month.	To end of the month.	During the month.	To end of the month.
1	2	3	4	5
	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.
Orissa Canals	4,827 14 5	38,194 12 4	17,761 3 1	86,844 0 1
Midnapore Canal	5,293 3 9	42,702 1 0	8,417 15 9	48,479 0 6
Hijili Tidal Canal	3,641 11 6	26,414 15 9	3,979 13 0	29,575 13 9
Sone Canals	2,022 13 9	23,158 7 11	7,998 7 9	47,189 4 0
Total	15,785 11 5	1,30,470 5 0	35,157 12 7	2,12,088 2 4

CALCUTTA,
The 5th November 1900.

A. S. THOMSON,
Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT, BENGAL.

Abstract Statement showing Tollage on Canals in Bengal classed as Minor Works and Navigation for the month of September 1900, as compared with that of the corresponding month of the previous year.

CANALS.	TOLLAGE, 1900-1901.		TOLLAGE, 1899-1900.	
	During the month.	To end of the month.	During the month.	To end of the month.
1	2	3	4	5
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Calcutta and Eastern Canals ...	20,313 5 6	1,18,277 2 0	25,991 3 9	1,25,766 8 9
Tolly's Nala ...	7,269 0 6	41,694 11 6	7,793 3 0	38,577 7 6
Total ...	27,582 6 0	1,59,971 13 6	33,784 6 9	1,64,344 0 3
Orissa Coast Canal ...	3,340 6 6	19,407 4 9	2,935 9 9	21,503 0 0
Nadia Rivers ...	12,540 3 6	60,801 6 0	18,672 4 0	69,469 13 0
GRAND TOTAL ...	43,463 0 0	2,39,680 8 3	55,392 4 6	2,55,316 13 3

CALCUTTA,
The 5th November 1900.

A. S. THOMSON,
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BENGAL CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Abstract of principal Commodities carried over the Bengal Central Railway during the month of August 1900 as compared with the same month of previous year.

ARTICLES.	1900.		1899.		TOTAL.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Up.	Down.	Up.	Down.	1900.	1899.		
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Animals								
Apparel, including drapery, haberdashery, millinery, uniforms, accoutrements, boots and shoes.	8				8		8	
Coal and Coke carried for the Public and Foreign Railways.	2,296	11	1,814	51	2,307	1,865	442	
Cotton, raw								
Cotton, manufactured—		8		5	8	5		2
Twist and yarn, European	48		134		48	134		86
Do., Indian	4				4			
Piece-goods, European	76		51		76	51		25
Do., Indian	1	1	1	1	2	2		
Others								
Chemicals, excepting saltpetre								
Drugs—								
Intoxicating, other than opium								
Non-intoxicating—								
Medical preparations								
Others	2	1	3		3	3		
Dyes and Tans—								
Indigo								
Myrabolams								
Cutch								
Turneric	2	11	6	10	13	21		8
Ailizarine and Aniline Dyes								
Al (Morinda Citrifolia)								
Tanning Barks								
Others		1	1		1	1		
Fodder—								
Oilcakes	14	42			56		56	
Hay, straw and grass		2			2		2	
Fruits and vegetables, fresh	23	31			54		54	
Grain and Pulse—								
Wheat	1				1		1	
Rice in the husk	93	40	5	4	133	9	124	
Do., not in the husk	25	2,602	12	1,463	2,627	1,460	1,167	
Jawar and Bajra								
Gram and pulse	45	241	31	373	356	404	48	
Wheat flour	20				20		20	
Others	1	8			9		9	
Hides and Skins—								
Hides of cattle—								
Dressed or tanned		37		53	37	53		16
Raw								
Skins of sheep and other animals—								
Dressed or tanned		9			9		9	
Raw								
Horns								
Hemp (Indian) and other fibres, excluding jute								
Raw								
Gunny-bags and cloth	50	10,875	37	5,563	10,875	5,563	11,312	
Lea		10		6	60	43	17	
Leather—								
Unwrought								
Wrought, excepting boots and shoes	1		2		1	2		1
Liquors—								
Ale and beer								
Spirit of all kinds, including country spirit								
Wine	2		2		2	2		
All other sorts, including toddy and fermented liquor, other than ale and beer.								
Metals—								
Copper, unwrought								
Brass, ditto								
Copper, wrought								
Brass, ditto	2	6	3	4	10	7	3	
Iron and steel—								
Cast	5		2	2	5	4	1	
Unwrought								
Wrought	95	1	20	2	96	22	74	
Manufactures	5		5		10		10	
Others	18	28	14	20	42	34	8	
Oils—								
Kerosine	168	6	132	3	174	135	39	
Castor			11		11		11	
Cocconut	20		11		20	11	9	
Mustard and rape	43		57	2	43	59		16
Others			1		1		1	
Oilseeds—								
Linseed		19		34	19	34		15
Rape and mustard	40	18	23	49	63	72		9
Til or jingili		74		361	74	361		287
Poppy								
Earth-nuts								
Castor								
Others								
Opium			1			1		1
Paper and Pasteboard	9	1	10	3	10	13		3
Provisions—								
Ghee	4		3		4	3	1	
Dried fruits and nuts		100		40	100	40	60	
Others	3	17	76	67	100	143		43

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CALCUTTA GAZETTE, NOVEMBER 7, 1900. 1901

ARTICLES.	1900.		1899.		TOTAL.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Up.	Down.	Up.	Down.	1900.	1899.		
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Railway plant and rolling-stock carried for the Public and Foreign Railways—								
Locomotives, engines, and tenders, and parts thereof.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carriages and trucks, and parts thereof.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Materials—								
Steel rails and fish-plates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sleepers and keys of steel and cast-iron	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other sorts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Salt	576		378		576	378	198	
Salt-petre and other saline substances—								
Salt-petre	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other saline substances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Silk, raw—								
Foreign	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indian	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Silk, piece-goods—								
Foreign	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indian	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Spices—								
Hotel-nuts	1	180	1	121	187	122	65	
Pepper	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ginger	4	21	2	17	25	19	6	
Chillies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cardamoms	1	20	6	19	30	25	5	
Others	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stone and lime	53	21	10	13	74	32	42	
Sugar—								
Refined or crystallized, including sugar-candy.	44	...	58	...	44	58	...	14
Unrefined—								
Sugar	19	6	23	90	24	113	...	89
Gur, rab, molasses, jaggery, and other saccharine produce.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ballast stone	...	...	78	...	...	78	...	78
Tobacco—								
Unmanufactured	52	53	47	54	105	101	4	
Manufactured—								
Cigars	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other sorts	3	...	1	...	3	1	2	
Wood—								
Timber, unwrought	70	20	41	...	90	41	58	
Manufactures	3	29	...	...	32	...	52	
Wool, raw	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wool Manufactured—								
Carpets and rugs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Piece-goods, European	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Iditto, Indian	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other sorts of manufactures	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
All other articles of merchandise	148	181	189	180	329	369	...	40
Total	4,108	20,742	3,314	8,630	24,560	11,044	13,896	930

Calcutta, the 5th November 1900.

T. SIDDLE,
Chief Auditor and Accountant.

Weekly Return of Traffic Receipts on Indian Railways.

EASTERN BENGAL STATE RAILWAY.

(INCLUDING N. B., K. D., DACCA, AND ASSAM-BEHAR SECTIONS.)

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 27th October 1900, on 843 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (including ferry).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	221,600	Rs. A. P. 1,14,360 0 0	Mds. s. 15,18,976 0	Rs. A. P. 2,04,480 0 0	Rs. A. P. 50,530 0 0	Rs. A. P. 4,39,370 0 0	32,530	51,701	85,000
Or per mile of railway ...	263	136 0 0	1,802 0	840 0 0	22 0 0*	507 0 0	...	...	...
For previous 16 weeks of half-year† ...	3,350,502	15,55,448 0 0	1,82,77,127 0	36,97,700 0 0	2,67,785 0 0	55,10,023 0 0	551,129	727,938	1,279,067
Total for 17 weeks ...	3,572,102	16,67,808 0 0	1,97,98,103 0	39,02,270 0 0	2,98,315 0 0	59,58,393 0 0	583,629	780,639	1,364,268
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	197,933	1,05,067 0 0	14,76,505 0	2,81,316 0 0	46,371 0 0	4,35,754 0 0	36,055	50,431	86,476
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	237	130 0 0	1,770 0	337 0 0	36 0 0	503 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	3,401,486	15,91,331 0 0	1,85,94,059 0	37,57,600 0 0	5,16,250 0 0	56,95,081 0 0	609,181	733,220	1,342,401

* Excluding steamer earnings.

† Audited up to week ending 25th August 1900.

DACCA STATE RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 27th October 1900, on 86 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	23,500	Rs. A. P. 8,680 0 0	Mds. s. 1,02,280 0	Rs. A. P. 7,020 0 0	Rs. A. P. 130 0 0	Rs. A. P. 16,630 0 0	2,520	2,406	4,926
Or per mile of Railway ...	270	100 0 0	1,189 0	82 0 0	1 0 0	182 0 0	...	...	...
For previous 16 weeks of half-year ...	334,304	1,24,859 0 0	6,59,841 0	58,066 0 0	7,405 0 0	1,66,330 0 0	40,160	39,472	79,632
Total for 17 weeks ...	417,804	1,33,353 0 0	7,62,121 0	63,086 0 0	7,535 0 0	2,03,980 0 0	42,680	31,978	74,658
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	21,421	7,420 0 0	84,890 0	4,240 0 0	6,726 0 0	18,386 0 0	3,176	2,404	5,580
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	240	86 0 0	987 0	49 0 0	78 0 0	213 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	400,100	1,23,100 0 0	6,84,719 0	53,458 0 0	10,020 0 0	1,91,587 0 0	40,081	29,573	69,654

* Audited up to 18th and 25th August 1900.

COOCH BEHAR STATE RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 27th October 1900, on 33.73 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (including ferry).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	3,710	Rs. A. P. 1,180 0 0	Mds. s. 11,500 0	Rs. A. P. 1,080 0 0	Rs. A. P. 80 0 0	Rs. A. P. 2,340 0 0	250	380	630
Or per mile of railway ...	110	35 0 0	341 0	32 0 0	2 0 0*	69 0 0*	...	...	...
For previous 16 weeks of half-year ...	32,401	12,940 0 0	1,02,847 0	12,363 0 0	1,847 0 0	27,159 0 0	4,609	12,817	17,426
Total for 17 weeks ...	36,201	14,120 0 0	1,14,347 0	13,443 0 0	1,927 0 0	29,490 0 0	4,859	13,197	18,056
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	3,123	1,070 0 0	11,068 0	1,001 0 0	186 0 0	2,347 0 0	334	530	1,264
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	91	32 0 0	332 0	33 0 0	5 0 0	65 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	34,767	11,405 0 0	1,34,504 0	12,706 0 0	2,024 0 0	26,225 0 0	5,857	14,915	20,802

* Excluding coaching ferry, Rs. 20.

† Audited up to 18th and 25th August 1900.

MYMENSINGH-JAGANNATHGANJ RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 27th October 1900, on 53.37 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	9,390	2,400 0 0	28,070 0	4,550 0 0	40 0 0	8,990 0 0	1,130	566	1,696
Or per mile of railway ...	176	45 0 0	526 0	85 0 0	1 0 0	131 0 0	...	...	...
For previous 16 weeks of half-year ...	139,093	33,093 0 0	1,93,900 0	31,038 0 0	567 0 0	54,698 0 0	16,657	8,371	24,928
Total for 17 weeks ...	148,483	35,493 0 0	2,24,970 0	35,588 0 0	607 0 0	61,688 0 0	17,687	8,937	26,624
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	4,399	985 0 0	10,169 0	458 0 0	16 0 0	1,459 0 0	688	236	924
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	81	18 0 0	188 0	9 0 0	.....	27 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	62,116	14,190 0 0	66,365 0	3,256 0 0	97 0 0	17,543 0 0	10,729	7,479	18,208

* Audited up to 18th and 25th August 1900.

BRAHMAPUTRA-SULTANPUR RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 27th October 1900, on 59 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	5,440	1,550 0 0	10,600 0	2,030 0 0	80 0 0	3,660 0 0	1,370	1,302	2,772
Or per mile of railway ...	92	26 0 0	332 0	35 0 0	1 0 0	62 0 0	.....	.....	.....
For previous 16 weeks of half-year ...	70,146	19,181 0 0	2,04,014 0	33,098 0 0	4,723 0 0	57,002 0 0	13,367	13,638	26,995
Total for 17 weeks ...	75,586	20,731 0 0	3,13,614 0	35,128 0 0	4,803 0 0	60,683 0 0	14,937	14,740	29,677
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	1,601	483 0 0	6,583 0	404 0 0	12 0 0	899 0 0	190	470	660
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	68	20 0 0	266 0	16 0 0	.....	36 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	26,291	7,601 0 0	1,26,802 0	5,721 0 0	137 0 0	13,459 0 0	3,504	11,346	14,850

* Audited up to 18th and 25th August 1900.

BENGAL CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY, "LIMITED."

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 20th October 1900, on 139 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	27,091	12,299 0 0	1,51,448 0	16,500 0 0	261 0 0	29,060 0 0	4,559	5,196	9,745
Or per mile of railway ...	208	95 0 0†	946 0	119 0 0	2 0 0	216 0 0	.....	.....	.....
For previous 16 weeks of half-year ...	469,376	1,70,011 0 0	18,42,914 0	2,18,806 0 0	19,268 0 0	4,14,085 0 0	67,583	70,929	138,512
Total for 16 weeks ...	496,367	1,82,310 0 0	19,74,362 0	2,35,306 0 0	19,529 0 0	4,43,145 0 0	69,133	76,135	135,268
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	23,309	10,233 0 0	1,03,306 0	10,285 0 0	110 0 0	20,628 0 0	4,457	3,875	8,332
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	180	79 0 0	743 0	74 0 0	1 0 0	154 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	629,366	1,90,462 0 0	13,97,224 0	1,63,064 0 0	13,048 0 0	3,66,574 0 0	75,306	64,257	139,563

* Audited up to week ending 8th September 1900.

† Coaching traffic calculated on 130 miles only.

BENGAL AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ending 27th October 1900, on 1,118 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated), including steam-boat.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week on 1,118 miles open ...	130,000	Rs. (a) 56,770	Mds. 8,00,070	Rs. (b) 61,070	Rs. (c) 10,350	Rs. 1,28,100	31,928	(d) 28,880	60,808
Or per mile of railway ...	116'86	50'78	790'89	54'02	9'28	114'06	28'66	25'72	54'38
For previous 16 weeks of half-year (e) ...	2,374,786	8,33,448	78,20,274	7,27,939	1,74,722	17,36,108	602,020	507,723	1,109,743
Total for 17 weeks ...	2,404,876	8,90,218	81,35,344	7,89,009	1,85,072	18,64,283	533,954	424,603	958,557
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year on 1,085 miles open ...	124,002	40,001	16,43,643	97,328	20,801	1,67,130	25,066	(f) 29,470	54,536
Per mile of corresponding week of previous year ...	114'29	45'16	1,614'68	89'71	19'17	154'04	23'12	27'12	50'24
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	2,804,039	8,08,095	1,06,49,854	11,18,345	2,90,894	21,62,234	440,158	408,782	848,940

- (a) The increase under coaching is due to increased traffic generally.
 (b) Decrease under goods is due to slack traffic and the traffic having been especially good last year.
 (c) Decrease under other earnings is due to the sum of Rs. 8,080 having been adjusted in this week last year on account of house-rent and hire of rolling stock interchanged with Foreign Railways.
 (d) Includes 6,000 miles of ballast trains run on open line.
 (e) .. audited figures up to week ending 22nd September 1900.
 (f) .. 6,202 miles of ballast trains run on open line.

SEGOWLIE-BAKSAUL BRANCH RAILWAY.

(WORKED BY THE B. & N.-W. RAILWAY.)

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ending 27th October 1900, on 18 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Passengers carried.	Receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week on 18 miles open ...	1,361	Rs. 194	Mds. 11,019	Rs. 202	Rs. 4	Rs. 490	167	55	222
Or per mile of railway ...	75'61	10'78	612'17	16'25	0'22	27'22	16'7	5'5	22'2
For previous 16 weeks of half-year (e) ...	13,783	2,007	58,338	1,550	62	3,925	2,340	612	2,952
Total for 17 weeks ...	14,144	2,201	69,351	2,148	66	4,415	2,507	667	3,174
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year on 18 miles open ...	518	114	7,209	209	15	338	129	69	198
Per mile of corresponding week of previous year ...	28'78	6'33	403'83	11'61	0'83	18'77	16'0	6'0	22'0
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	609	191	11,802	445	74	710	165	69	234

(a) Includes audited figures up to week ending 22nd September 1900.

SEGOWLIE-BAKSAUL BRANCH RAILWAY.

(WORKED BY THE B. & N.-W. RAILWAY.)

Audited Return of Traffic for week ending 15th September 1900, on 18 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Passengers carried.	Receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week on 18 miles open ...	No. 300	Rs. A. P. 60 13 10	Mds. 1,636	Rs. A. P. 59 3 0	Rs. A. P. 3 0 0	Rs. A. P. 123 0 10	78	17	95
Or per mile of railway ...	21'67	3 8 1	90'89	3 4 8	0 1 9	6 13 6	7'8	1'7	9'5
For previous 10 weeks of half-year ...	6,144	989 7 8	32,353	1,063 5 6	28 6 0	3,090 3 2	1,350	351	1,701
Total for 11 weeks ...	6,834	1,050 5 6	33,989	1,121 8 6	40 6 0	3,213 4 0	1,432	368	1,800
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year on 18 miles open ...	200	100	1,000	100	10	110	100	100	200
Or per mile of corresponding week of previous year ...	11'11	5'55	55'55	5'55	0'55	6'11	11'1	11'1	11'1
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	20,000	10,000	100,000	10,000	1,000	11,000	10,000	10,000	20,000

ASSAM-BENGAL RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 13th October 1900, on 397 miles open for all descriptions of traffic, and an additional 39 miles for goods and parcels traffic only.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. s.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	29,375	18,594 0 0	1,91,565 0	15,368 0 0	550 0 0	32,527 0 0	3,244	7,666	10,910
per mile of railway ...	73.99	46.84	489.37	38.69	1.28	78.79	8.37	17.55	25.92
for previous 15 weeks of half-year ...	343,286	1,97,875 0 0	31,08,221 0	1,70,973 0 0	11,882 0 0	3,80,728 0 0	45,391	118,385	163,776
Total for 15 weeks ...	372,661	2,10,467 0 0	32,99,786 0	1,93,366 0 0	12,432 0 0	4,22,255 0 0	48,675	120,051	174,726
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	23,280	15,977 0 0	2,47,455 0	14,508 0 0	339 0 0	30,824 0 0	3,302	7,905	11,207
per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	61.75	42.38	627.78	37.39	0.87	80.64	8.00	20.52	28.52
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	330,246	1,96,845 0 0	37,00,495 0	1,98,987 0 0	10,133 0 0	4,05,768 0 0	51,018	116,170	167,188

* Includes audited figures for week ended 25th August 1900.

FINANCIAL YEAR.

Approximate Statement of Gross Receipts of the Assam-Bengal Railway.

RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING 13TH OCTOBER 1900.			RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING 14TH OCTOBER 1899.			TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 1ST APRIL 1900 TO 13TH OCTOBER 1900.			TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 1ST APRIL 1899 TO 14TH OCTOBER 1899.			Total increase in 1900.	Total decrease in 1900.
Mean mileage worked.	Receipts.	Per mile worked.	Mean mileage worked.	Receipts.	Per mile worked.	Mean mileage worked.	Total receipts.	Per mile worked per week.	Mean mileage worked.	Total receipts.	Per mile worked per week.		
436	Rs. 32,527	Rs. 78.79	388	Rs. 30,824	Rs. 80.64	436	Rs. 8,20,200	...	388	Rs. 7,80,751	...	Rs. 39,440	Rs.

ASSAM-BENGAL RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 20th October 1900, on 397 miles open for all descriptions of Traffic, and an additional 39 miles for goods and parcels traffic only.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. s.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	30,524	18,412 0 0	2,14,095 0	14,640 0 0	614 0 0	33,666 0 0	3,250	7,685	10,935
per mile of railway ...	77.64	46.38	498.11	36.58	1.41	81.57	8.19	17.55	25.74
for previous 15 weeks of half-year ...	372,583	2,17,014 0 0	33,06,028 0	1,94,233 0 0	12,440 0 0	4,23,680 0 0	48,675	120,061	174,736
Total for 15 weeks ...	403,409	2,35,428 0 0	35,21,024 0	2,06,873 0 0	13,054 0 0	4,57,355 0 0	51,925	133,714	185,639
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	20,417	13,679 0 0	2,19,588 0	12,940 0 0	326 0 0	20,954 0 0	3,305	7,386	10,691
per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	54.16	36.25	555.5	33.37	0.84	70.40	8.77	19.04	27.81
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	350,663	2,10,328 0 0	30,30,682 0	2,11,936 0 0	10,450 0 0	4,32,723 0 0	54,923	123,556	178,479

* Includes audited figures for week ended 1st September 1900.

FINANCIAL YEAR.

Approximate Statement of Gross Receipts of the Assam-Bengal Railway.

RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING 20TH OCTOBER 1900.			RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING 21ST OCTOBER 1899.			TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 1ST APRIL 1900 TO 20TH OCTOBER 1900.			TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 1ST APRIL 1899 TO 21ST OCTOBER 1899.			Total increase in 1900.	Total decrease in 1900.
Mean mileage worked.	Receipts.	Per mile worked.	Mean mileage worked.	Receipts.	Per mile worked.	Mean mileage worked.	Total receipts.	Per mile worked per week.	Mean mileage worked.	Total receipts.	Per mile worked per week.		
436	Rs. 33,666	Rs. 81.37	388	Rs. 26,954	Rs. 70.40	436	Rs. 8,55,300	...	388	Rs. 8,16,705	...	Rs. 38,595	Rs.

DARJERLING-HIMALAYAN RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

			Rs.	A.	P.
Approximate earnings for the week ending 27th October 1900	...	...	11,333	0	0
Ditto for the corresponding period of 1899	...	...	11,185	0	0
Increase	...	...	148	0	0
Receipts per mile for the week ending 27th October 1900	...	...	222	3	5
Ditto for the corresponding period of 1899	...	...	219	5	0
Increase	...	...	2	14	5
Receipts from 1st July to 27th October 1900	2,11,191	0	0
Ditto for the corresponding period of 1899	2,03,229	0	0
Increase	7,962	0	0



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WEATHER AND CROP REPORT.

For the week ending the 12th November 1900.

Burdwan.—No rain. Sowing of *rabi* crops continues. Weather seasonable. Fodder and water sufficient. Condition of standing crops average. Common rice selling as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	12½	} per rupee.
Kalna	11½	
Katwa	12	
Raniganj	13	

Birbhum.—No rain. Weather fine and cool. Standing crops doing well. *Aus* being harvested. Fodder sufficient. Price of rice at Sadar 12 seers and at Rampur Hat 14 seers per rupee.

Bankura.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Rain wanted for *aman* on high lands. Sugarcane doing well. Fodder and water sufficient. No cattle-disease reported. Price of coarse rice (new) at Bankura 13½ seers and at Vishnupur 13½ seers per rupee.

Midnapore.—No rain. Fodder scanty at Contai and Tamluk. Standing crops good except in flooded tracts. More rain wanted in Ghatal. *Rabi* being sown. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	13	} per rupee.
Contai	12	
Tamluk	11	
Ghatal	13	

Hooghly.—No rain. Sowing of *rabi* and cultivation of potato continues. Rain wanted badly in many places. Common rice sells at 10½ seers per rupee.

Howrah.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Standing crops doing well. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells at 10½ seers per rupee.

24-Parganas.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops good, but rain is much wanted in Barasat. Ploughing and sowing of *rabi* crops going on. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	10	} per rupee.
Barasat	10	
Basirhat	11	
Diamond Harbour	11	

Nadia.—No rain. Weather seasonable. *Aman* and other standing crops generally doing well. Prospects of *rabi* crops good, but rain is needed. Fodder and water sufficient. Price of common rice stationary.

Murshidabad.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of *aman* favourable. Sowing of *rabi* crops continues. Cattle-disease reported from Jalangi thana of Sadar and Asanpur thana of Lalbagh subdivisions. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	12½	} per rupee.
Lalbagh	14	
Kandi	15	
Jangipur	Report not received.	

Jessore.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops good and those of *aman* not favourable. Lands are being ploughed for *rabi* crops. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	14	} per rupee.
Jhenida	15	
Magura	13½	
Narail	13	
Bangaon	12½	

Khulna.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. *Aman* paddy doing well. Prospect favourable. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	12½	} per rupee.
Bagerhat	12½	
Satkhira	11	

Rajshahi.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops fair. Ploughing and sowing of *rabi* crops in progress. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water plentiful. Common rice sells at 14½ seers per rupee.

Dinajpur.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Cultivation of *rabi* going on. Bad reports of *aman* crop from south of district. No cattle-disease. Water and fodder plentiful. Rice selling 16 seers at Sadar and 13 seers in Thakurgaon per rupee.

Jalpaiguri.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospect of *haimanti* paddy unfavourable for want of rain. Transplantation of tobacco going on. Common rice sells at 13 seers per rupee. Fodder and water sufficient.

Darjeeling.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. *Dara marua*, *aman dhan*, *kalai*, *phapor* progressing. Sowing of wheat and barley going on. *Terai*—*haimanti* paddy progressing. Ploughing for mustard, tobacco, potato going on. Coarse rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Hills	9	} per rupee.
Terai	14	

Bhutta sells at Darjeeling 22 seers and at Kalimpong 28 seers per rupee.

Rangpur.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Rain badly wanted. Transplantation of tobacco going on. Fodder and water sufficient. Price of common rice stationary.

Bogra.—No rain. Cultivation for *rabi* crops going on. Prospects of *aman* not favourable in high lands for want of rain. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells at 13½ seers per rupee.

Pabna.—Rainfall nil. Weather cool. Prospects of crops good. Prices unchanged.

Dacca.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops fair. Fodder available. No cattle-disease. Common rice 12 seers per rupee.

Mymensingh.—Rainfall at Kishoreganj 03. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops fair but rain is wanted in all parts of the district. Condition of cattle good. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	12	} per rupee.
Jamulpur	10	
Kishoreganj	10½	
Tangail	11½	
Netrokona	13½	

Faridpur.—No rain. Weather seasonable. State and prospect of crops good. Rice sells at 12 seers a rupee.

Backergunge.—Rainfall at Sadar nil. Weather seasonable. Prospect of crops good. Common rice sells at 11½ seers (*aman*) and 13 seers (*aus*) per rupee.

Tippera.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of *aman* paddy everywhere fair except on high lands. *Rabi* sowings continue. Fodder and water available. Common rice averages 12 seers 6½ chitaks per rupee.

Noakhali.—Rainfall at Sadar nil, Feni 41. Prospects of crops good. Fodder and water sufficient. Price of common rice 12 seers (*aman*) and 14 seers (*aus*) per rupee.

Chittagong.—No rain. Prospect of *aman* crops not favourable owing to insufficient rain. Water and fodder sufficient. Common rice 12½ seers per rupee.

Patna.—Rainfall nil. Prospect of standing paddy crop fair. *Rabi* sowing going on. Harvesting of early paddy and pressing of sugarcane begun. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water for cattle sufficient. Common rice in Patna sells at 16 seers a rupee.

Gaya.—Rainfall at Sadar, Nawada, Jahanabad and Aurangabad nil. Paddy doing well. *Rabi* sowing going on. Sugarcane pressing commenced. Common rice selling at 13 seers per rupee.

Shahabad.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of paddy and sowing of *rabi* crops continue. Standing crops good. Fodder and water sufficient. Rice selling at Sadar 12 seers per rupee.

Saran.—Rainfall at Sadar, Siwan and Gopalganj nil. Weather seasonable. Paddy ripening. Prospects of *rabi* good. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice 14 seers 5 chitaks and *makai* 22 seers 3 chitaks per rupee.

Champaran.—Rainfall nil. Weather cold. Prospects of *aghani* continue to be favourable. *Rabi* still being sown. Fodder and water sufficient. Prices of common rice and maize at Sadar are 16 and 26½ seers respectively.

Muzaffarpur.—Rainfall nil. Prospects good. *Rabi* sowing going on. Prices are—Common rice 14½ seers, barley 17 seers, wheat 12½ seers, maize 25 seers, gram 15 seers, *arhar* 15 seers, and *marua* 25 seers a rupee.

Darbhanga.—Rainfall nil. Prospects of standing crops good. Sowing of *rabi* in progress. Fodder and water sufficient. No cattle-disease reported. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	16½	} per rupee.
Samastipur	14	
Madhubani	15½	

Monghyr.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Standing crops doing well. *Rabi* sowings nearly finished in the Jamui subdivision. Pressing of sugarcane continues. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Monghyr	14½	} per rupee.
Begusarai	13½	
Jamui	12½	

Bhagalpur.—Weather cold. Winter rice is doing well and being reaped in some places. *Rabi* sowing in progress. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient. Prices stationary.

Purnea.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Lands are being prepared for *rabi* crops. Sowing of mustard seeds and other crops doing well. No cattle-disease reported. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	16	} per rupee.
Krishnaganj	14	
Araria	18	

Malda.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Winter rice coming into maturity. Sowing of *rabi* crops commenced. Cattle-disease reported from Nawabganj thana. Average prices of rice 15 seers per rupee. Fodder and water sufficient.

Sonthal Parganas.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. *Rabi* crops being sown. Harvesting of winter rice commenced. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle-disease reported from Godda subdivision. Average price of rice 12 seers 9 chitaks and of maize 23 seers per rupee.

Cattack.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. *Laghu sarad* getting maturity. *Guru sarad* in ears. Sugarcane and *rabi* growing. Condition of cattle good. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

			Srs. ch.	
Sadar	14 7	} per rupee.
Jajpur	...	...	16 1
Kendrapara	...	...	17 1
Banki	...	...	16 12

Balasore.—Rain at Sadar nil. *Sarad* in ears; *kandha* ripening; *baali* being reaped. *Rabi* sowing and cotton gathering continues. Sugarcane growing well. Rice sells at 16½, 14½ and 16 seers per rupee in interior, Balasore and Bhadrak respectively. Rain wanted. Cattle-disease reported from Basudebpur and Agarpara circles. Fodder sufficient.

Angul.—Rainfall at Sadar and Bissipara nil. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of early paddy in progress. Prospects of standing crops good. Average price of common rice in Angul 18 seers and in Khondmals 10 seers (old) and 11 seers (new) per rupee. Prevalence of cattle-disease reported. Number of persons daily on relief works in Khondmals—Men 318, women 377, children 106.

Puri.—Rainfall at Sadar and Khurda nil. Weather seasonable. *Laghu* paddy ripening and being harvested. *Lara sarad* in ears. *Biri*, *kutthi* and other miscellaneous crops growing well. Pressing of sugarcane commenced. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

			Srs. ch.	
Sadar	15 12	} per rupee.
Khurda	...	...	14 7
Interior of district	...	...	(old) 14 10
			(new) 18 6	

Hazaribagh.—Rainfall both at Sadar and Giridi nil. Weather seasonable. Fodder and water sufficient. Prospect of paddy good. Common rice sells at Sadar 14 seers (old) and 17 seers (new) and at Giridi 18½ seers per rupee.

Ranchi.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of paddy continues. Rice selling at Sadar 19 seers and in the interior 21 seers per rupee. Cattle-disease reported from Rahey outpost. Fodder and water sufficient.

Palaman.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. *Rabi* sowing continues. Harvesting of paddy commenced in places. Prospects favourable. Rice selling at Sadar 13½ seers per rupee.

Manbhum.—Rainfall at Sadar and Gobindpur nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops on ground good. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle-disease reported from thanas Purulia, Raghunathpur and Baghmandi. Average price of common rice at Sadar 13 seers 12 chitaks and at Gobindpur 12 seers per rupee. Supply sufficient.

Singhbhum.—Rain nil. Harvesting of paddy continues with good outturn. Prospects of other standing crops excellent. Average price of rice is 17 seers in the district; at Chaibassa 16 seers.

General Summary.—There was no rain during the week except slight showers at Kishoreganj in Mymensingh and at Feni in Noakhali. Prospects of *haimanti* in Jalpaiguri and of *aman* in Chittagong and on high lands in Bogra are said to be unfavourable for want of rain. Rain is also much needed in Rangpur, Mymensingh and Balasore and some parts of Birbhum, Midnapore, Hooghly, 24-Parganas, Nadia and Bogra districts. Prospects of crops generally good except in flooded tracts of Midnapore. Sowing of *rabi* going on. Cattle-disease continues to be reported from a few districts. Supply of fodder is said to be scanty in Contai and Tamluk in the district of Midnapore, elsewhere it is sufficient. The price of common rice has fallen in 16 districts, risen in 9 and is stationary in the rest.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

F. A. SLACKE,

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

The 13th November 1900.

STOCKS OF RICE IN AND AROUND CALCUTTA.

No. 1055 Statistics.—The following is published for general information.

F. A. SLACK,
Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Statement showing the Stocks of Rice in and around Calcutta during November 1900.

STOCK IN HAND AS COMPILED ON—

Names of Marts.	1st week of Nov. 1899.	1st week of Dec. 1899.	1st week of Jan. 1900.	1st week of Feb. 1900.	1st week of March 1900.	1st week of April 1900.	1st week of May 1900.	1st week of June 1900.	1st week of July 1900.	1st week of Aug. 1900.	1st week of Sept. 1900.	2nd week of Oct. 1900.	2nd week of Nov. 1900.
Baliaghat	Mds. 2,85,000	Mds. 1,85,500	Mds. 2,10,000	Mds. 3,11,000	Mds. 4,12,000	Mds. 2,58,000	Mds. 9,25,000	Mds. 5,38,000	Mds. 7,72,000	Mds. 5,60,000	Mds. 5,48,000	Mds. 4,33,000	Mds. 2,85,000
Uttadanga	26,500	26,000	32,700	45,500	61,200	53,500	91,500	88,000	89,200	52,400	65,500	48,000	24,500
Chitpur, Gokulnagar, Kumbhar, Hattola, and Chitpur Ghat.	2,34,500	1,81,300	2,04,300	2,73,500	2,79,500	3,10,500	2,94,000	2,09,500	2,65,500	2,67,500	2,67,500	2,11,500	1,66,700
Peshurichatta, Posta, and Jorabagan.	2,500	4,700	4,800	6,300	8,100	5,900	5,400	4,000	3,800	3,300	3,400	3,800	2,500
Tallypore, Chetla, Kidderpore, and Manikganj.	1,47,500	1,16,600	1,42,100	2,50,000	3,60,500	2,82,500	2,14,700	1,89,000	1,52,500	1,70,000	1,64,200	95,000	61,700
Minor bazar(1)	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,40,000
Other retail shops(1)	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000
Bamkistopur	1,07,000	1,36,200	1,18,000	1,55,500	1,82,200	2,72,000	2,40,000	2,07,500	1,80,000	1,38,500	1,22,500	99,500	65,500
Baidrabi, Narayan, Bha-draswar and Chandernagore.	11,400	11,075	2,037	4,994	6,000	4,575	1,375	1,150	1,531	1,100	4,425	775	3,502
Total	15,85,500	11,03,275	13,03,457	14,87,794	16,94,900	23,94,975	28,70,875	20,87,150	19,04,531	17,32,400	16,56,035	13,86,375	12,11,402
On Railway premises on both sides of the river.	16,645 (on 3rd Nov. 1899.)	40,201 (on 3rd Dec. 1899.)	27,827 (on 3rd Jan. 1900.)	74,018 (on 3rd Feb. 1900.)	56,947 (on 3rd March 1900.)	97,236 (on 3rd April 1900.)	14,093 (on 3rd May 1900.)	19,465 (on 3rd June 1900.)	29,187 (on 3rd July 1900.)	6,795 (on 3rd August 1900.)	6,039 (on 3rd Sept. 1900.)	6,463 (on 13th Oct. 1900.)	9,240 (on 5th Nov. 1900.)
On boats not yet unloaded—													
By Port Commissioners' returns.	36,900 (1st to 3rd Nov. 1899.)	34,697 (1st to 3rd Dec. 1899.)	51,539 (1st to 3rd Jan. 1900.)	54,305 (1st to 3rd Feb. 1900.)	53,253 (1st to 3rd March 1900.)	40,923 (1st to 3rd April 1900.)	23,420 (1st to 3rd May 1900.)	7,415 (1st to 3rd June 1900.)	32,067 (2nd to 4th July 1900.)	28,913 (1st to 3rd August 1900.)	25,001 (1st to 3rd Sept. 1900.)	32,559 (11th to 13th Oct. 1900.)	36,839 (2nd to 5th Nov. 1900.)
By Canal returns	66,276 (1st to 3rd Nov. 1899.)	26,700 (1st to 3rd Dec. 1899.)	91,414 (1st to 3rd Jan. 1900.)	1,33,549 (1st to 3rd Feb. 1900.)	1,82,637 (1st to 3rd March 1900.)	75,396 (1st to 3rd April 1900.)	49,053 (1st to 3rd May 1900.)	32,140 (1st to 3rd June 1900.)	38,907 (2nd to 4th July 1900.)	73,696 (1st to 3rd August 1900.)	48,859 (1st to 3rd Sept. 1900.)	19,715 (on 11th to 13th Oct. 1900.)	48,954 (2nd to 5th Nov. 1900.)
Grand Total of Stocks	15,11,750	12,53,873	13,64,377	17,49,666	19,57,717	25,85,980	28,56,470	21,46,170	20,95,192	18,60,553	17,86,715	14,46,218	13,06,601

(1) Estimated as a constant quantity.
* This mart is in the Howrah district, and the figures have been obtained by local enquiry.
† Figures furnished by the Collector of Hooghly.
‡ Figures furnished by the Railway authorities.

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT,
The 13th November 1900.

F. A. SLACK,
Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

PRICES-CURRENT (retail) of Food-grains and Salt in the Head-

Number.		DISTRICTS.	QUANTITIES PER RUPEE IN												
			WHEAT.			BARLEY.			RICE, COMMON.			JOWAR OR CHOLU. (Sorghum Vulgare.)			
			Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	
		BENGAL.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.
BURDWAN DIVISION.	1	Burdwan	11 12	11 12	12 0	...	...	...	12 0	11 8	13 0	...	...	...
	2	Birbhum	12 0	12 0	13 0	...	...	...	12 12	12 0	14 4	...	...	...
	3	Bankura	10 0	10 0	10 0	...	...	...	13 12	12 8	15 0	...	...	...
	4	Midnapore	9 8	9 8	10 0	...	...	...	12 0	12 0	17 0	...	...	...
	5	Hooghly	10 0	10 0	10 0	...	...	...	10 4	10 4	11 8	...	...	...
	6	Howrah	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 8	10 0	12 12	...	...	...
PRESIDENCY DIVISION.	7	24-Parganas	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 5	10 0	12 0	...	...	...
	8	Calcutta	10 0	10 0	10 10	15 0	14 8	12 4	10 0	10 0	10 10	...	...	12 4
	9	Nadia	13 1	13 8	13 5 Jamali 14 0 Gangajali	...	...	22 14	10 10	10 11	12 10	...	...	...
	10	Murshidabad	13 0	13 8	12 0	20 0	20 0	20 0	13 4	13 0	16 0	...	...	...
	11	Jessore	9 0	9 0	9 0	10 0	11 0	10 0	13 4	12 0	16 0	...	...	...
	12	Khulna	...	...	...	...	...	...	13 0	13 0	15 0	...	...	...
RAJBHARI DIVISION.	13	Rajshahi	14 4	14 10	16 8	22 8	21 0	24 0	15 0	14 4	17 4	...	...	...
	14	Dinajpur	11 4	11 4	9-9-6t	...	...	13 5	14-6-2t	14-6-2t	18 0	...	...	...
	15	Jalpaiguri	10 0	10 0	9 0	...	...	...	13 0	12 8	13 0	...	...	...
	16	Darjeeling	7 0	7 0	7 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	12 0	12 0	9 8	...	...	...
	17	Rangpur	12 0	12 0	11 0	...	...	...	10 0	10 0	14 0	...	...	...
	18	Bogra	9 12	9 12	9 0	...	...	...	12 12	12 12	18 0	...	...	...
DAOGA DIVISION.	19	Pabna	13 14	13 8	16 8	27 0	27 0	35 0	14 4	14 4	17 4	...	...	...
	20	Dacca	10 0	10 0	10 0	16 0	16 0	32 0	12 0	12 0	18 0	...	...	...
	21	Mymensingh	8 0	8 0	10 0	16 0	16 0	...	13 0	12 0	16 0	...	...	...
	22	Faridpur	13 4	12 5	15 0	16 0	20 0	28 0	12 0	11 14	16 0	...	...	...
	23	Backergunge	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 0 13 8	12 0 14 4	12 12 16 0	...	...	...

- A. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Kalna return not received; Katwa 11½ seers (panga); Kaniganj 10½ seers (panga).
 B. At Vishnupur the retail price of salt is 9½ seers per rupee.
 C. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Contai 10 seers; Tamluk 10½ seers; Ghatal 11½ seers.
 D. At Serampore the retail price of salt is 10½ seers; Arambagh return not received.
 E. At Ulubaria the retail price of salt is 10 seers 10½ chitaks per rupee.
 F. In the wards in the interior of the district the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Chotla 10½ seers; Baraent 11 seers; Baduria 9 seers 14 chitaks; Magrahat 9 seers 2 chitaks.
 G. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Kushtia (Bahadurkhal) 10 seers (panga); Ohudanga 10½ seers (panga); Meherpur 10 seers (karkatch); Ranaghat 11½ seers (crushed).
 H. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Lalbagh 11 seers (karkatch); Kandi return not received; Jangipur 11 seers (karkatch).

BEERS OF 80 TOLANS.

RAJRA OR CUMBU. <i>Pennisetum typhod-</i> <i>eum.</i>			MARUA OR RAOI. <i>(Eleusine Corocana.)</i>		
Present return.		Next preceding re- turn.	Present return.		Next preceding re- turn.
S.	Ch.	S. Ch.	S.	Ch.	S. Ch.
100	000	000	100	000	000
90	000	00	90	000	00
80	000	000	80	000	00
70	000	000	70	000	000
60	000	000	60	000	000
50	000	000	50	000	000
40	000	000	40	000	000
30	000	000	30	000	000
20	000	000	20	000	000
10	000	000	10	000	000
0	000	000	0	000	000
100	000	000	100	000	000
90	000	000	90	000	000
80	000	000	80	000	000
70	000	000	70	000	000
60	000	000	60	000	000
50	000	000	50	000	000
40	000	000	40	000	000
30	000	000	30	000	000
20	000	000	20	000	000
10	000	000	10	000	000
0	000	000	0	000	000
100	000	000	100	000	000
90	000	000	90	000	000
80	000	000	80	000	000
70	000	000	70	000	000
60	000	000	60	000	000
50	000	000	50	000	000
40	000	000	40	000	000
30	000	000	30	000	000
20	000	000	20	000	000
10	000	000	10	000	000
0	000	000	0	000	000

KARONI OR KARUN, ITALIAN MILLET. (<i>Setaria Italica</i> .)			GRAM, CHANA, CHHOLA, KADALAY, OR BUNAGA. (<i>Cicer arvense</i> .)		
Present return.	Next preceding re- turn.	re- Corresponding turn of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding re- turn.	re- Corresponding turn of last year.
S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.
...	13 0	13 0	13 0
...	13 0	13 0	13 8
...	11 8	11 8	12 8
...	11 0	11 0	12 0
...	11 0	11 0	11 0
...	12 0	12 0	16 0
...	12 9	12 4	13 0
10 0	10 0	10 0	10 0	10 10	11 6
...	14 8	14 8	16 0
...	15 0	15 0	18 0
...	13 4	13 0	13 4
...	10 0	10 0	16 0
...	15 0	5 0	16 8
...	13 0	13 0	12 0
...	13 0	13 0	13 0
...	10 0	9 0	8 0
...	12 0	12 0	10 0
...	12 0	12 0	15 0
...	12 0	12 0	16 0
...	10 8	10 8	11 8
...	8 2	8 0	9 0
...	9 12	11 7	14 0
...	9 0	10 0	9 8

quarters Station Bazars of the Districts of Bengal on the 31st October 1900.

												WHOLESALE PRICES PER MAUND OF 40 SEERS.			DISTRICTS.	Number.
INDIAN-CORN OR MAIZE. (Zea mays.)			ARHAR OR THUR, CADJAN PEA. (Cajanus Indicus.)			SALT.			SALT.							
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.					
S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	BENGAL.				
...	7 4	7 8	10 0	A	11 5	11 5	Crushed.	8 4 0	8 4 0	Burdwan.	1			
...	8 0	8 0	9 0		10 8	10 8	10 8 13 10 6	8 10 6	8 10 6	Birbhum.	2			
...	9 0	9 0	10 0	B	10 0	10 0	10 0 4 0 0 4 0 0 4 0 0			Bankura.	3			
...	8 0	8 0	9 0	C	10 12	10 12	Panga.	11 4 8 9 0 3 9 0 3 8 0		Midnapore.	4			
...	8 0	8 0	8 0	D	10 0	10 0	10 8 3 12 0 3 12 0 3 12 0			Hooghly.	5			
...	8 0	8 0	11 8	E	10 10	10 10	10 8 3 8 0 8 8 0 3 8 0			Howrah.	6			
...	9 0	9 0	9 8	F	10 10	10 5	Panga.	10 12 3 8 0 3 8 0 3 6 0		24-Parganas.	7			
12 12	10 10	11 6	8 6	8 6	9 0		11 0	11 0	Panga.	11 0 3 6 0 3 6 0 3 5 0		Calcutta.	8			
...	8 6	8 6	10 10	G	11 12	11 13	Panga.	12 1 3 6 6 3 5 6 3 5 6		Nadia.	9			
...	9 0	9 0	11 0	H	11 0	11 0	Karkatch.	11 0 3 7 0 3 7 0 3 8 0		Murshidabad.	10			
...	10 0	10 0	...	I	10 0	9 2	Panga.	9 2 3 14 0 3 14 0 3 12 0		Jessore.	11			
...	9 0	9 0	10 0	J	10 0	10 0	Panga.	10 0 3 12 0 3 12 0 3 12 0		Khulna.	12			
...	14 4	14 4	17 4	K	9 12	9 12	Panga.	9 12 3 12 0 3 12 0 3 13 4		Rajahm.	13			
...	9 9	9 9	6 0		11 4	10 10	Panga.	10 0 3 10 0 3 10 6 4 0 0		Dinsipur.	14			
...	9 8	9 0	9 0	L	10 0	10 0	Panga.	10 0 3 11 0 3 10 6 3 10 6		Jalpaiguri.	15			
23 0	20 0	17 0	6 0	6 8	6 8	M	8 8	...	Rora.	7 0 1 4 11 0 ... 5 10 0		Darjeeling.	16			
18 0	13 0	18 0	7 8	7 4	8 0	N	9 4	9 0	Panga.	9 0 3 12 0 4 0 0 4 0 0		Rangpur.	17			
...	9 12	Not available.			10 2	10 8	Panga.	10 8 3 13 4 3 13 4 3 12 0		Bogra.	18			
...	7 8	8 0	9 12	O	9 12	9 12	Panga.	9 12 3 13 0 3 13 0 3 14 0		Pabna.	19			
...	8 0	8 0	8 0	P	10 0	10 0	Panga.	10 0 3 9 0 3 9 0 3 9 0		Dacca.	20			
...	6 8	6 8	8 0	Q	10 0	10 0	Panga.	10 0 4 0 0 4 0 0 4 0 0		Mymensingh.	21			
...	8 0	8 0	7 0	R	10 0	10 0	Panga.	10 0 4 0 0 4 0 0 4 0 0		Faridpur.	22			
...	S	10 0	10 0	Panga.	10 0 3 10 0 3 10 0 3 10 0		Bacergunge.	23			

- I. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Jhenida 10½ seers ; Magura 9½ seers ; Narail 10 seers ; Bangaon 10 seers 10 chitaks.
 J. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Bagerhat 9 seers ; Satkhira 11 seers.
 K. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Nator 10½ seers ; Naugaon 9 seers 10 chitaks.
 L. In the Alipur Duars the retail price of salt is 8 seers per rupee.
 M. Retail price of salt (panga) at Kurseong 8 seers and at Siliguri 10 seers per rupee.
 N. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Gaibanda 10 seers ; Kurigram returns not receive Nilphamari 10 seers.
 O. At Sirajganj the retail price of salt is 10½ seers per rupee.
 P. In the marts in the interior of the district the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Madanganj 11 seers 6 chitaks ; Manikganj 9 seers ; Mirkadam 11 seers 6 chitaks.
 Q. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Kishorganj 10 seers ; Jamalpur 10 seers ; Karghari 8 seers ; Netrokona 9 seers.
 R. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Goalundo 10 seers ; Madaripur 10½ seers (crushed).
 S. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Firojpur 8 seers ; Patuakhali 9 seers ; Bhola 9 seers.

PRICES-CURRENT (retail) of Food-grains and Salt in the Head-quarters

Number		DISTRICTS.	QUANTITIES PER RUPEE IN											
			WHEAT.			BARLEY.			RICE, COMMON.			JOWAR OR (CHOLU) (Sorghum Vulgare).		
			Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
BENGAL—concluded.														
CHITTAGONG DIVISION.	24	Tippera	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 11	11 8	14 9	...	...	...
	25	Noakhali	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 0	12 0	16 0	...	...	...
	26	Chittagong	...	...	...	...	...	...	13 0	12 14	15 8	...	...	...
BIHAR.														
PATNA DIVISION.	27	Patna	14 0	14 0	13 0	18 0	18 0	29 8	17 0	16 8	16 8	30 0	...	15 8
	28	Gaya	11 8	13 0	12 8	16 0	18 0	17 0	11 8	11 8	13 8	...	7 0	16 0
	29	Shahabad	...	11 0	12 8	...	15 0	16 0	...	12 8	14 0	...	...	...
	30	Saran	12 0	15 0	11 8	18 0	16 0	15 8	13 0	15 0	12 8	...	...	...
	31	Champaran	12 8	12 8	12 8	18 8	19 0	18 8	15 8	15 4	14 8	...	...	...
	32	Muzaffarpur	12 8	12 0	12 0	16 8	16 0	15 0	14 0	15 0	12 0	...	...	...
BHAGALPUR DIVISION.	33	Darbhanga	15 8	13 8	12 0	19 12	18 11	14 0	16 8	16 8	11 0	...	...	...
	34	Monghyr	13 2	14 11	12 10	16 4	16 4	17 11	12 0	12 0	11 14	...	...	...
	35	Bhagalpur	12 10	12 10	12 12	19 0	19 0	16 8	13 14	15 0	14 0	...	...	...
	36	Turnea	16 0	16 0	13 0	...	...	...	14 0 14 0 bhadoi 16 0 16 0	15 0	...	...	...	...
	37	Malda (English Bazar).	12 8	12 8	...	...	...	...	15 0	13 8	16 0	...	...	...
	38	Sonthal Parganas.	10 0	10 0	10 0	14 8	14 8	19 0	13 0	13 0	13 0	...	...	...
ORISSA.														
ORISSA DIVISION.	39	Cuttack	10 8	10 8	9 14	...	...	...	14 7	13 12	14 7	...	...	...
	40	Balasore	13 0	13 0	13 0	13 0	11 8	11 0	14 4	14 4	16 0	...	...	...
	41	Puri	9 8	9 8	8 12	...	...	...	15 12	13 2	13 2	...	...	...
CHOTA NAGPUR.														
CHOTA NAGPUR DIVISION.	42	Hazaribagh	10 12	10 8	10 12	20 0	13 8	16 0	16 0	14 0	11 8 New 13 0	...	...	...
	43	Ranchi	7 0 to 9 8	7 0 to 10 0	7 0 to 10 0	8 0	7 8	14 0	14 0	13 0	10 8	...	...	...
	44	Palamau	10 2	9 9	10 11	11 4	11 4	15 12	13 8	12 6	10 11	...	...	...
	45	Manbhum	11 0	11 0	10 0	16 0	17 0	16 0	13 15	13 0	13 8	...	...	...
	46	Siaghbhum	10 0	10 0	12 0	...	...	...	16 0	16 0	16 0	...	...	...
T. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt are...														

- T. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Chandpur 9 seers ; Brahmanbaria 10 seers.
 U. At Feni Hat the retail price of salt is 9 seers per rupee.
 V. At Cox's Bazar the retail price of salt is 8½ seers per rupee (panga).
 W. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Barh 10½ seers ; Dinapore 10½ seers ; Bihar 9½ seers.
 X. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Jahanabad 10 seers ; Nawada 10 seers ; Aurangabad return not received.
 Y. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Buxar 11 seers ; Bhabua 10 seers ; Sasaram 10½ seers.
 Z. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Siwan 11 seers ; Gopalganj (Mirganj) 12½ seers.
 a. At Bettiah the retail price of salt is 10 seers per rupee.
 b. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Hajipur 10 seers ; Sitamarhi 11½ seers.

CALCUTTA,
The 13th November 1900.

KANONI OR KARTIN, ITALIAN MILLET. (<i>Setaria Italica</i> .)						GRAM, CHANA, CHHOLA, KADALAY, OR SUNAGA (<i>Cicer arietinum</i> .)					
Present return.		Next preceding re- turn.		Corresponding re- turn of last year.		Present return.		Next preceding re- turn.		Corresponding re- turn of last year.	
S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.
...
...	10	0	10	0	12	0
...	10	0	10	0	10	0
18	0	24	0	18	0	18	0	18	0	17	0
12	0	13	0	12	0	14	0	13	8	16	0
...	14	0	15	8
8	0	...	...	14	0	15	0	18	0	15	0
...	16	0	15	8	14	8
...	14	0	14	8	15	0
...	16	8	14	8	14	0
...	14	11	15	12	16	4
...	14	8	15	0	14	0
...	15	0	16	0	16	0
...	15	0	15	0	16	0
...	14	0	12	4	12	0
...	Biri or kaiml.					
...	13	2	13	2	15	12
...	Chhola.					
...	11	0	10	8	8	8
...	Biri.					
...	12	0	12	0	16	0
...	11	13	12	7	14	7
...	12	0	12	0	13	0
...	{ 10 0 10 0 11 0 } to to to					
...	11	0	11	0	12	0
...	11	4	9	9	14	1
...	12	0	12	0	11	8
...	10	0	10	0	14	0

SEERS OF 80 TOLAHS.

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Station Bazars of the Districts of Bengal on the 31st October 1900—(concluded).

WHOLESALE PRICES PER MAUND OF 40 SEERS.												DISTRICTS.	Number.
INDIAN-CORN OR MAISR. (Zea mays.)			ARHAR OR THUR, CADIAN PEA. (Cajanus indicus.)			SALT.			SALT.				
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.		
S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	BENGAL—concluded.	
...	...	...	...	...	...	T 10 0	10 0	10 0	Panga. 12 0 3 12	0 3 12	0 3 12	Tippera.	24
...	...	...	...	...	...	U 9 0	9 0	9 0	Panga. 14 0 4 8	0 4 8	0 4 0	Noakhali.	25
...	...	...	7 12	7 12	8 0	V 11 0	11 0	10 0	10 0 3 10	0 3 10	0 3 8	Chittagong.	26
22 0	22 0	15 8	12 0	12 0	13 0	W 11 0	11 0	11 0	Panga. 11 0 3 8	0 3 8	0 3 7	BIHAR.	
17 8	18 0	15 0	9 4	10 0	11 0	X 10 8	10 0	10 0	10 0 3 11	0 3 12	0 3 12	Patna.	27
...	19 0	14 0	...	13 0	12 0	Y 10 8	11 0	...	...	3 14	0 3 10	Gaya.	28
23 0	23 0	14 12	10 0	10 0	12 0	Z 10 12	10 12	11 0	11 0 3 11	0 3 11	0 3 10	Shahabad.	29
26 8	24 8	16 8	10 8	16 0	10 8	a 10 8	10 8	10 8	10 8 3 13	0 3 13	0 3 13	Saran.	30
22 8	22 0	14 8	10 8	10 8	10 0	b 10 0	10 0	11 4	11 4 3 13	0 3 13	0 3 8	Champaran.	31
24 8	24 0	15 0	11 0	10 0	13 0	c 14 4	11 4	10 8	10 8 3 10	0 3 10	0 3 13	Musaffarpur.	32
21 4	22 0	...	12 9	13 10	13 10	d 10 9	10 8	10 8	10 8 4 1	0 3 13	0 3 13	Darbhanga.	33
...	19 0	14 0	9 8	8 14	8 2	e 10 0	10 8	10 8	10 8 3 10	0 3 10	0 3 12	Monghyr.	34
...	...	...	9 0	9 0	11 0	f 10 8	10 8	10 8	10 8 3 12	0 3 12	0 3 12	Bhagalpur.	35
24 0	24 0	...	9 0	8 8	10 0	g 10 0	10 0	10 0	10 0 3 14	0 3 14	0 3 14	Purnea.	36
22 0	24 0	17 0	13 0	13 0	16 0	h 10 0	10 0	10 0	10 0 3 12	0 4 0	0 3 14	Malda (English Bazar).	37
...	...	...	13 2	13 2	15 12	i 12 0	12 0	10 12	10 12 3 2	0 3 2	0 3 0	Sonthal Parganas.	38
...	...	...	8 0	8 0	8 0	j 10 12	10 12	11 8	11 8 3 12	0 3 12	0 3 8	ORISSA.	
...	...	...	7 14	7 8	10 7	k 13 5	13 6	13 8	13 8 3 0	0 2 15	0 2 15	Cuttack.	39
22 8	24 0	15 0	8 0	8 0	9 0	...	9 0	9 0	9 0 4 4	0 4 8	0 4 8	Balasore.	40
25 0	24 0	...	6 0	6 0	6 8	...	9 0	9 0	9 12 4 5	0 4 6	0 4 1	Puri.	41
23 0	24 2	13 8	...	...	9 9	...	9 0	9 0	...	...	...	CHOTA NAGPUR.	
20 0	24 0	18 0	9 0	9 0	9 8	...	10 0	10 0	10 0 3 11	0 3 10	0 3 10	Hasaribagh.	42
20 0	25 0	20 0	8 0	10 0	11 0	...	9 0	7 0	7 0 3 8	0 3 8	0 4 4	Ranchi.	43
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Palamanu.	44
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Manbhum.	45
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Singhbhum.	46

- a. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Samastipur 10 seers ; Madhubani return not received.
d. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Begusarai 10½ seers ; Jamui 10 seers.
e. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Banka 10 seers ; Madhipura 9½ seers ; Supaul 10½ seers.
f. In the Krishnaganj and Arraria subdivisions the retail price of salt is 9 seers per rupee.
g. At Ballia Nawabganj the retail price of salt (panga or karkatch) is 10 seers per rupee.
h. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt are :—Deoghur 10½ seers (panga) ; Godda 10 seers ; Jamtara 11 seers (crushed) ; Pakaur 11 seers (karkatch) ; Rajmahal return not received.
i. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt (panga) per rupee are :—Jaipur 10½ seers ; Kondrapara 10 seers.
j. At Bhadrak the retail price of salt is 10½ seers per rupee.
k. At Khurda the retail price of salt is 12 seers per rupee.
l. At Gobindapur the retail price of salt is 10 seers 10 chitaks per rupee.

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PRICES-CURRENT (wholesale) of Food-grains, Firewood, &c.,

Number.	Mark.												
		RICE (BEST SORT).			COMMON RICE (mota chaul).			WHEAT (Triticum sativum).			BARLEY (Hordeum vulgare).		
		Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1	Calcutta	5 4 0	5 4 0	5 0 0	3 12 0	3 12 0	3 8 0	3 12 0	3 12 0	3 12 0	2 8 0	2 6 0	3 0 0
2	Burdwan	4 2 0	4 5 0	3 10 0	3 5 0	3 7 0	3 0 0	...	...	3 4 0	...	...	...
3	Midnapore	3 12 0	3 12 0 to 4 0 0	3 8 0	3 0 0	3 0 0	2 5 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Pabna	6 8 0		6 0 0	2 18 0	2 18 0	2 5 0	2 14 0	2 15 3	2 6 6	...	...	...
5	Rangpur	4 8 0	4 8 0	4 12 0	3 8 0	3 8 0	2 12 0	3 0 0	3 0 0	3 8 0	...	...	...
6	Dacca	3 14 0	3 14 0	3 12 0	3 2 0	3 2 0	2 4 0	3 14 0	3 14 0	3 12 0	2 4 0	2 4 0	1 2 0
7	Chittagong	...	...	3 10 0	3 8 0	3 8 0	2 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	Patna	3 4 0	3 4 0	2 10 0	2 5 0	2 6 0	2 5 0	2 12 0	2 12 0	3 0 0	2 8 0	2 8 0	2 0 0
9	Muzaffarpur	4 7 0	4 7 0	5 11 6	2 10 6	2 10 6	3 3 3	3 1 0	3 3 3	3 3 3	2 5 6	2 5 6	2 8 0
10	Bhagalpur	3 8 0	3 10 6	3 11 6	2 14 0	2 10 0	2 13 6	3 8 0	3 2 0	3 2 3	2 1 6	2 1 6	2 6 9
11	Cuttack	3 6 6	3 6 0	3 6 6	2 8 6	2 12 3	2 8 6	3 9 0	3 9 0	3 14 0	...	...	...
12	Ranohi	4 7 0	4 7 0	5 6 6	2 13 6	3 1 0	3 13 0	4 3 0 to 5 11 6	4 0 0 to 5 11 6	4 0 0 to 5 11 0	5 0 0	5 6 6	2 13 3

CALCUTTA,
The 13th November 1900.

JUAR OR CHOLUM (<i>Sorghum vulgare</i>).			BAJRA OR CUMBU (<i>Pennisetum typhoides</i>).			MARUA OR RAGI (<i>Eleusine coracana</i>).			GRAM, CHANA, CHOLA, KADALAY, OR SUNAGA (<i>Cicer arietinum</i>).		
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
...	...	8 0 0	5 4 0	5 4 0	5 8 0	...	...	...	3 8 0	3 8 0	3 4 0
...	3 2 0	3 2 0	3 1 0
...
...	3 5 0	3 5 0	2 8 0
...	3 0 0	3 2 0	3 8 0
...	3 6 0	3 6 0	3 2 0
...	4 0 0	3 14 0	4 0 0
1 4 0	2 5 0	2 8 0	...	2 3 0	2 3 0	2 4 6
...	1 11 9	1 8 6	2 0 0	2 10 6	2 10 6	2 8 0
...	2 12 0	2 10 0	2 18 9
...	2 13 0	Biri or Kalai.	
...	3 10 0	3 10 0	3 5 3
...	4 0 0	4 0 0	3 10 0

PRICE PER MAUND											
INDIAN-CORN OR MAIZE (Zea mays).			ARHAR DAL OR TUR — CADJAN PEA (Cajanus indicus).			LINSRAD.			MUSTARD AND RAPSEED.		
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
3 4 0	3 8 0	3 4 0	4 8 0	4 8 0	4 4 0	7 10 0	7 4 0	5 8 0	5 12 0	5 12 0	4 4 0
...	...	...	5 12 0	5 6 0	4 0 0	...	...	...	6 11 0	6 8 0	4 3 0
...	...	...	...	...	...	6 4 0	6 4 0	5 2 0	6 8 0	6 8 0	4 4 0
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 12 0	6 8 0	4 8 0
...	...	...	5 5 0	5 0 0	3 15 0	7 0 0	6 3 0	4 12 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	3 4 0
2 8 0	2 10 0	2 0 0	5 0 0	5 4 0	4 8 0	...	...	...	5 8 0	5 10 0	3 12 0
...	...	...	4 8 0	4 8 0	4 8 0	...	...	...	...	5 4 0	3 12 0
...	...	...	5 10 0	5 10 0	4 12 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
1 12 0	1 12 0	2 8 0	3 4 0	3 4 0	3 4 0	6 10 0	6 10 0	3 14 0	6 12 0	6 8 0	4 4 0
1 11 9	1 11 9	2 10 0	3 10 0	3 10 0	3 13 0	...	...	...	5 10 0	5 10 0	3 14 0
1 1 6	2 1 6	2 13 9	4 3 6	4 7 0	3 15 0	6 10 0	7 4 0	4 12 0	...	...	...
...	...	...	2 13 0	2 13 0	2 5 6	...	...	...	6 8 0	6 3 0	4 8 0
...	...	...	6 10 0	6 10 0	6 2 8	5 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	6 6 0	6 6 0	3 12 0
									5 6 6	7 4 3	5 0 0
									7 4 3	8 0 0	

STANDARD SEERS.

TIL OR JINJILI SEED.			SUGAR (RAW).			COTTON, CLEANED.			JUTE.		
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
5 8 0	5 0 0	4 8 0	5 12 0	5 12 0	5 2 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	16 0 0	5 4 0	5 4 0	5 0 0
...	...	...	5 8 0	5 12 0	5 12 0	...	...	18 0 0	...	...	...
...	...	...	{ 5 0 0 to 5 8 0 }	{ 4 12 0 to 5 6 0 }	{ 4 8 0 to 5 0 0 }	{ 18 0 0 to 20 0 0 }	{ 18 0 0 to 20 0 0 }	{ 18 0 0 to 20 0 0 }	...	...	...
...	...	...	4 12 0	4 12 0	3 4 0	20 8 0	20 0 0	18 0 0	4 4 0	4 10 0	5 6 0
...	...	...	6 10 0	6 0 0	7 0 0	...	...	...	4 8 0	4 8 0	3 12 0
...	...	...	6 0 0	6 0 0	5 12 0	...	...	...	5 0 0	5 8	5 0 0
...	...	...	5 4 0	5 8 0	5 0 0	15 8 0	15 8 0	14 8 0	...	...	...
6 10 0	6 10 0	5 14 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	3 8 0	16 0 0	16 0 0	15 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0
...	...	...	3 10 0	4 3 0	2 15 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	6 5 0	6 5 0	4 6 0	21 8 0	21 0 0	17 0 0	...	...	...
4 7 6	4 7 6	5 10 0	4 8 0	4 8 0	5 12 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	24 8 0	...	...	...
...	...	...	6 10 0	8 0 0	{ 5 0 0 to 5 11 0 }	22 12 0	22 12 0	20 0 0	...	...	...

GHI (CLARIFIED BUTTER).			TOBACCO LEAF.			HIDES (COW).			GRASS.		
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
37 0 0	41 0 0	35 0 0	9 0 0	8 0 0	6 0 0	250 0 0	250 0 0	250 0 0	3 13 0	3 8 0	0 13 0
36 0 0	37 0 0	32 0 0	...	...	...	per 100 pieces.			...	...	...
37 8 0	40 0 0	33 0 0	8 0 0	7 12 0	7 8 0	Uncleaned hide per piece.			...	...	...
		to	10 12 0	10 8 0	8 8 0	Cleaned hide per piece.			...	...	...
53 0 0	53 0 0	53 0 0	11 0 0	11 4 0	10 0 0	to 2 4 0 to 2 4 0 to 2 10 0			...	...	...
40 0 0	44 0 0	35 0 0	7 0 0	7 0 0	8 0 0	...	...	...	0 2 6	0 2 6	0 2 6
40 0 0	40 0 0	40 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	7 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	0 4 0	0 4 0	0 4 0
44 9 0	44 0 0	45 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	12 0 0	per maund.			...	...	...
32 0 0	35 0 0	29 0 0	3 0 0	3 0 0	3 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 8 0	...	...	...
28 14 9	32 0 0	30 7 6	8 0 0	8 0 0	10 0 0	per maund.			0 5 0	0 5 0	0 5 0
32 0 0	39 6 0	33 8 0	10 0 0	8 0 0	4 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
36 0 0	36 0 0	29 0 0	4 4 0	4 4 0	4 4 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	0 9 0	0 9 0	0 8 11
36 0 0	33 0 0	27 13 0	8 0 0	8 0 0	8 0 0	per piece.			0 2 8	0 2 8	0 2 8
to 10 8	to 4 10 8	to 34 0 0	to 18 0 0	to 18 0 0	to 13 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	...	...	...

the undermentioned Marts of Bengal on the 31st October 1900.

STRAW.			JUAR STALKS.			PRICES PER MAUND OF 40 STANDARD SEERS.									MARTS.
						IRON.			FIREWOOD.			SALT.			
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	
63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.				Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
1 2 0	1 2 0	0 10 0	...	...	...	5 4 0	5 4 0	5 4 0	0 9 0	0 9 0	0 9 0	3 6 0	Panga.	3 5 0	1. Calcutta.
0 7 0	0 7 0	0 3 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	0 5 3	0 8 0	0 8 0	3 4 0	3 4 0	3 4 0	2. Burdwan.
0 2 10	0 3 6	0 2 5	...	...	...	4 12 0 to 5 0 0	4 8 0 to 4 12 0	4 0 0 to 4 8 0	0 3 6 to 0 4 0	0 4 0	0 3 3	3 9 0	3 9 0	3 8 0	3. Midnapore.
1 0 0	1 0 0	0 12 0	...	...	...	7 12 0	9 8 0	7 0 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	0 4 0	3 13 0	Panga. 3 13 0	3 14 0	4. Pabna.
0 7 0	0 7 0	0 7 0	...	...	...	7 8 0	7 4 0	6 0 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	0 5 3	3 12 0	Panga. 4 0 0	4 0 0	5. Rangpur.
...	...	...	...	...	...	5 8 0	5 8 0	5 0 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	3 9 0	Panga. 3 9 0	3 9 0	6. Dacca.
...	...	...	...	...	...	7 4 0	7 4 0	5 8 0	...	...	...	3 10 0	Panga. 3 10 0	3 8 0	7. Chittagong.
...	...	...	...	...	...	4 0 0	4 0 0	3 0 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	0 5 6	3 8 0	3 8 0	3 7 0	8. Patna.
...	...	...	...	...	...	6 10 0	6 10 6	5 11 6	0 4 0	0 4 0	0 4 0	3 13 0	Panga. 3 13 0	3 8 0	9. Munaffarpur.
...	...	...	...	...	...	6 8 0	6 8 0	5 8 0	0 6 3	0 6 3	0 6 6	3 10 0	Panga. 3 10 0	3 12 0	10. Bhagalpur.
0 9 0	0 9 0	0 9 6	4 2 0	4 2 0	4 8 0	0 4 6	0 4 6	0 4 0	3 2 0	Karkatch. 3 2 0	3 0 0	11. Cuttack.
No fixed rate.			6 10 6	6 10 6	5 0 0	0 4 0	0 4 0	0 4 0	4 5 0	Panga. 4 5 0	4 1 0	12. Ranchi.

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Meteorological Report of the Province

METEOROLOGICAL DIVISION.	DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Representative stations.	STATION OBSERVATIONS.													
				AIR PRESSURE.						WIND.		TEMPERATURE.					
				Highest, 8 A.M., barometer reading.	Lowest 8 A.M., barometer reading.	Mean, 8 A.M., reduced to 32°.	Mean reduced to sea-level and constant gravity, Lat. 45°.	Variation from normal mean.	Mean direction at 8 A.M.	Mean velocity in miles daily.	of	Highest month.	Lowest of month.	Mean daily maximum temperature.	Mean daily minimum temperature.	Mean daily temperature.	Variation from normal mean.
				in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.	in.
SOUTH-WEST BENGAL.	Burdwan ...	Burdwan ...	Burdwan ...	29'904	29'718	29'859	29'907	+044	N21°E	30	92'9	66'8	89'3	74'3	81'9	+02	
		Birbhum ...	Raniganj ...	29'752	29'466	29'615	29'905	—	N45°W	28	91'2	63'5	86'1	71'2	79'7	-1'1	
		Bankura ...	Bankura ...	29'764	29'470	29'625	29'879	—	N45°E	45	92'1	64'2	88'6	72'3	80'4	-0'5	
		Midnapore ...	Midnapore ...	29'984	29'647	29'765	29'886	+028	N8°E	51	93'8	63'2	88'6	73'7	80'7	-0'2	
		Hooghly ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Presidency ...	Howrah ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		24 Parganas ...	Saugor Island ...	30'054	29'727	29'910	29'890	+028	N13°W	212	90'9	67'6	87'2	75'8	81'5	+0'1	
		Calcutta ...	Calcutta ...	30'070	29'788	29'930	29'897	+040	N8°E	80	92'6	66'2	88'6	74'5	81'6	+1'1	
		Nadia ...	Krishnagar ...	30'037	29'772	29'909	29'905	—	N7°W	63	91'8	63'7	89'0	73'2	81'1	+0'4	
		Murshidabad ...	Berhampore ...	30'012	29'732	29'864	29'900	+033	N63°E	27	90'8	66'7	87'3	74'0	80'7	-0'4	
NORTH BENGAL.	Jessore ...	Jessore ...	Jessore ...	30'048	29'762	29'918	29'898	+038	N63°E	15	91'0	63'7	87'9	74'3	81'1	-0'7	
		Khuina ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Rajshahi ...	Rampur Boalia ...	30'020	29'746	29'878	29'898	+044	N31°E	55	90'1	64'6	87'4	73'3	80'8	+0'3	
		Dinajpur ...	Dinajpur ...	29'958	29'685	29'831	29'911	+047	N18°E	66	91'3	60'4	87'7	70'0	78'9	-0'9	
		Jalpaiguri ...	Jalpaiguri ...	29'804	29'540	29'683	29'931	+054	N6°W	28	90'9	61'1	86'6	69'1	77'9	+0'1	
	Rajshahi ...	Darjeeling ...	Darjeeling ...	28'182	23'059	23'121	—	+067	S66°E	53	67'7	42'1	61'9	49'7	55'8	+0'9	
		Cooch Behar ...	Cooch Behar ...	29'945	29'679	29'815	29'930	—	N83°E	27	93'4	61'6	88'2	70'3	79'3	—	
		Rangpur ...	Rangpur ...	29'950	29'699	29'831	29'911	—	N56°E	42	92'7	59'3	88'9	68'0	78'5	—	
		Bogra ...	Bogra ...	30'017	29'747	29'880	29'904	—	?	?	91'7	64'2	88'4	72'2	80'3	+0'7	
		Patna ...	Sirajganj ...	30'005	29'750	29'888	29'887	+026	N56°W	11	92'3	60'3	88'4	73'5	80'9	+1'1	
EAST BENGAL.	Dacca ...	Dacca ...	Narayanganj ...	30'037	29'775	29'919	29'894	+039	N48°E	70	92'1	67'3	88'6	74'8	81'8	+0'2	
		Mymensingh ...	Mymensingh ...	29'908	29'744	29'885	29'890	+041	S56°E	1	92'2	67'1	87'0	73'1	80'5	+0'4	
		Faridpur ...	Faridpur ...	30'020	29'761	29'907	29'901	+036	N68°E	38	91'3	65'9	87'9	73'7	80'9	+0'4	
		Backergunge ...	Barisal ...	30'055	29'791	29'933	29'891	+046	N18°W	47	92'3	67'6	88'3	74'8	81'5	+0'9	
		Tippore ...	Comilla ...	30'089	29'777	29'914	29'895	—	N30°E	55	94'3	64'9	89'8	72'5	81'2	+0'1	
	Chittagong ...	Noakhali ...	Noakhali ...	30'004	29'751	29'892	29'883	—	N32°E	45	90'7	64'5	88'0	72'0	79'9	+0'1	
		Chittagong ...	Chittagong ...	29'968	29'717	29'853	29'888	+024	N48°E	66	91'5	64'1	88'2	72'4	80'3	+0'2	
		Chittagong Hill Tracts ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Patna ...	Bankipore ...	30'085	29'585	29'781	29'920	+048	S53°W	64	90'5	65'3	87'0	71'3	79'2	-1'3	
		Gaya ...	Gaya ...	29'725	29'380	29'576	29'915	+043	S23°W	76	90'2	63'7	86'7	68'9	77'8	-1'3	
BIHAR.	Patna ...	Dohri ...	Dohri ...	29'767	29'380	29'597	29'910	+040	S20°W	138	80'3	63'5	86'2	70'0	78'2	-1'3	
		Shahabad ...	Buxar ...	29'869	29'528	29'716	29'914	—	S51°W	89	90'0	64'0	86'9	70'9	78'6	-1'2	
		Arrah ...	Arrah ...	29'908	29'561	29'751	29'897	—	S39°W	45	90'5	61'0	86'9	69'5	78'2	-1'3	
		Narain ...	Chapra ...	29'926	29'580	29'771	29'910	—	S27°W	(b) 45	92'3	61'1	87'6	69'3	78'4	-1'3	
		Champanan ...	Motihari ...	29'886	29'581	29'740	29'928	—	N45°E	(a) 63	91'0	57'9	85'8	67'9	76'9	—	
	Bhagalpur ...	Muzaffarpur ...	Muzaffarpur ...	29'920	29'624	29'789	29'924	—	S45°E	3	90'7	60'3	86'4	69'2	77'8	—	
		Darbhanga ...	Darbhanga ...	29'923	29'610	29'780	29'903	+028	N	29	90'3	64'4	86'6	71'8	79'2	-0'7	
		Monghyr ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Bhagalpur ...	Bhagalpur ...	29'936	29'633	29'786	29'915	+056	S45°W	30	91'2	62'1	87'7	70'7	79'3	-0'2	
		Purnea ...	Purnea ...	29'965	29'634	29'834	29'916	+048	N11°W	119	90'3	63'3	87'0	69'0	78'0	-1'1	
ORISSA.	Malda ...	Malda ...	Malda ...	30'014	29'748	29'886	29'910	—	N41°W	28	90'1	63'0	87'9	71'7	79'3	-0'7	
		Sonthal Parganas ...	Naya Dumka ...	29'588	29'303	29'463	29'919	+057	N12°W	29	90'0	61'9	86'8	69'5	78'3	-0'9	
		Cuttack ...	Cuttack ...	30'019	29'558	29'856	29'880	+029	N87°E	46	93'4	66'7	89'6	75'3	83'4	-0'2	
		False Point ...	False Point ...	30'076	29'567	29'013	29'876	+057	N38°W	183	89'5	64'5	86'5	74'4	80'5	-0'9	
		Balasore ...	Balasore ...	30'055	29'705	29'901	29'894	+048	N18°W	71	91'4	62'7	87'9	73'3	80'7	+0'1	
	Orissa ...	Rhott's Island ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Puri ...	Puri ...	30'073	29'628	29'913	29'875	—	N11°W	?	93'7	69'6	89'3	76'6	83'1	—	
		Gopalpur ...	Gopalpur ...	30'067	29'653	29'909	29'870	—	N29°W	246	90'3	66'6	87'0	74'3	80'7	—	
		Hasaribagh ...	Hasaribagh ...	28'070	27'754	27'947	29'933	+060	N66°W	(b) 114	84'2	60'2	81'7	65'7	73'7	-1'3	
		Ranchi ...	Ranchi ...	27'942	27'626	27'813	29'915	+043	N34°W	114	84'7	61'9	81'1	65'4	73'3	-0'7	
CHOTA NAGPUR.	Chota Nagpur ...	Palamau ...	Daltonganj ...	30'071	29'643	29'310	29'919	—	S53°E	56	90'1	57'0	86'8	63'6	73'3	—	
		Manbhum ...	Purulia ...	29'865	29'650	29'133	29'936	—	N33°W	35	90'5	64'4	87'0	71'6	79'4	—	
		Singbhum ...	Chalchasa ...	29'314	29'380	29'175	29'896	—	S37°W	13	90'6	61'3	86'7	69'7	78'3	-1'1	
		Sibesar ...	Sibesar ...	29'774	29'506	29'640	29'943	+028	N65°E	40	92'7	61'4	85'6	70'0	77'9	-0'1	
		Goalpara ...	Dhubri ...	29'971	29'708	29'340	29'913	+025	N85°E	60	92'2	65'7	87'4	72'3	79'8	+0'1	
	Asam ...	Cachar ...	Silchar ...	29'983	29'721	29'854	29'922	+051	E	38	97'0	63'4	91'5	71'7	81'6	+1'1	
	
	
	
	

(a) Mean of 20 days. (b) Mean of 20 days. (c) Mean of 30 days.

Bengal for the month of October 1900.

DISTRICT OBSERVATIONS.																	DISTRICT.
HUMIDITY.		CLOUD.		Rain-fall.	RAINFALL—												
					Of month.					Since 16th October 1900.							
					Mean of district.	Normal mean.	Variation from mean.	Number of rainy days.	Normal mean number of rainy days.	Mean of district.	Normal mean.	Variation.	Mean number of rainy days.	Normal mean number of rainy days.			
Mean, 8 A.M.	Variation from normal mean.	Mean cloud amount, 8 A.M.	Variation from normal mean, 8 A.M.														
79	-2	3.1	-1.2	0.15	6.61	3.29	-2.86	2.00	4.30	0.01	1.31	-1.30	0.00	1.42	Burdwan.		
79	-	3.6	-	0.60													
					0.84	3.33	-2.49	2.25	4.43	Nil	1.19	-1.19	0.00	1.33	Birbhum.		
74	-	3.1	-	0.25	0.83	3.16	-2.33	1.70	4.23	Nil	1.21	-1.21	0.00	1.45	Bankura.		
75	-	1.8	-	1.98	1.92	4.43	-2.51	3.53	5.11	0.03	1.06	-1.02	0.17	1.63	Midnapore.		
					0.70	4.11	-3.41	1.67	5.38	Nil	1.63	-1.63	0.00	1.73	Hooghly.		
					3.13	5.75	-0.63	4.50	5.43	Nil	1.42	-1.42	0.00	1.73	Howrah.		
69	-1	5.4	+0.1	0.35	3.31	5.38	-1.97	4.57	5.05	0.33	3.27	-1.96	0.67	1.66	14-Parganas.		
63	0	4.2	-0.7	0.82	0.83	4.30	-3.57	4.00	6.04	0.01	1.91	-1.90	0.00	1.99	Calcutta.		
70	-	3.8	-	0.70	1.00	4.18	-3.18	3.40	5.17	Nil	1.03	-1.03	0.00	1.71	Nadia.		
68	0	3.6	-1.2	0.49	1.10	3.68	-2.58	3.38	4.70	Nil	1.38	-1.38	0.00	1.40	Murshidabad.		
63	-3	3.6	-1.4	5.06	3.27	4.34	-1.07	3.40	5.38	0.05	1.97	-1.92	0.20	1.93	Jessore.		
					3.06	4.94	-2.88	4.33	5.73	0.13	3.18	-2.05	0.07	1.98	Khulna.		
77	-	(c) 3.5	-	2.51	1.06	3.47	-2.41	3.67	4.36	Nil	1.11	-1.11	0.00	1.21	Rajahm.		
68	-	3.4	-	0.45	1.21	3.75	-2.54	2.00	3.74	Nil	1.10	-1.10	0.00	1.18	Dinajpur.		
65	-	1.0	-	0.51	1.08	4.42	-3.37	2.23	4.16	Nil	1.43	-1.43	0.00	1.50	Jalpaiguri.		
60	+3	3.0	-2.9	0.34	1.27	6.16	-4.89	2.25	5.89	Nil	3.39	-2.39	0.00	1.50	Darjeeling.		
63	-	2.4	-	1.17	3.35	5.49	-3.14	2.00	4.08	Nil	1.71	-1.71	0.00	1.50	Cooch Behar.		
65	-	1.3	-	1.98	3.02	4.70	-2.68	2.60	3.70	Nil	1.44	-1.44	0.00	1.12	Rangpur.		
79	-	1.4	-	2.76	1.80	4.24	-2.44	3.75	4.63	Nil	1.56	-1.56	0.00	1.13	Bogra.		
67	-	2.6	-	1.44	0.96	4.14	-3.19	2.50	5.19	Nil	1.09	-1.09	0.00	1.89	Pabna.		
63	-2	3.9	-0.4	0.46	0.92	4.22	-3.30	3.20	5.53	0.06	1.63	-1.76	0.20	1.90	Dacca.		
66	-	(c) 3.5	-	1.83	1.00	5.05	-3.45	2.57	4.91	Nil	1.73	-1.73	0.00	1.92	Mymensingh.		
66	-	3.7	-	4.33	2.91	4.31	-1.40	3.67	5.49	Nil	1.74	-1.74	0.00	2.00	Faridpur.		
67	-	3.7	-	3.88	3.40	5.03	-3.63	3.53	6.43	1.43	3.31	-0.89	1.67	2.12	Backergunge.		
63	-	3.6	-	3.09	1.47	4.69	-3.23	2.71	5.10	0.51	3.16	-1.64	1.00	2.13	Tippera.		
67	-	2.5	-	4.83	3.90	7.73	-3.83	5.00	7.13	1.01	3.96	-1.96	1.50	2.23	Noakhali.		
66	-4	4.1	-1.0	1.51	3.63	6.74	-4.11	4.49	6.00	0.63	3.10	-3.47	1.80	2.05	Chittagong.		
78	+1	3.6	-1.0	1.01	1.21	3.95	-1.74	3.00	3.68	0.46	3.18	-1.72	3.00	2.71	Chittagong Hill Tracts.		
76	+2	3.6	-0.9	1.78	3.28	3.31	+0.07	3.11	3.66	Nil	0.73	-0.72	0.00	1.00	Patna.		
77	-	3.5	-	3.43											Shahabad.		
76	-	(c) 3.7	-	1.08	3.45	3.87	+0.33	3.80	3.75	Nil	1.05	-1.05	0.00	1.00			
63	-	1.3	-	1.16											Saran.		
66	-	3.0	-	0.95	1.41	3.49	-2.08	2.67	3.74	Nil	0.98	-0.98	0.00	0.63	Champan.		
66	-	1.4	-	2.33	3.53	3.31	+0.22	3.50	3.52	Nil	0.86	-0.86	0.00	0.00	Munshampur.		
63	-	1.3	-	2.04	3.05	3.64	-0.59	3.50	3.43	Nil	0.83	-0.83	0.00	0.71	Darbhanga.		
63	-3	3.1	-1.1	0.90	1.26	3.10	-0.84	2.40	2.43	Nil	0.67	-0.67	0.00	0.70	Monghyr.		
					2.73	3.36	+0.36	1.80	2.86	Nil	0.76	-0.76	0.00	0.50	Shahjhpur.		
60	-	2.3	-	5.28	2.94	3.59	+0.35	2.17	3.04	Nil	0.90	-0.90	0.00	0.30	Purico.		
64	+3	2.3	-1.2	1.33	2.73	3.08	-0.36	2.30	3.17	Nil	1.00	-1.00	0.00	0.62	Maida.		
61	-	1.9	-	0.91	2.17	3.45	-1.28	3.00	3.81	Nil	1.16	-1.16	0.00	0.81	Sonthal Parganas.		
77	-	3.6	-	1.63	2.75	3.57	-0.82	3.67	4.16	Nil	1.14	-1.14	0.00	1.10	Outlook.		
60	+1	4.6	+0.6	6.73	7.37	3.86	+1.83	5.13	6.75	0.94	2.76	-1.82	1.43	2.08	Balesore.		
66	-1	5.7	+0.7	7.43											Shortt's Island.		
63	-	3.6	-	2.26	4.11	3.09	-0.98	4.71	5.70	0.23	1.95	-1.72	0.50	3.20	Puri.		
60	-	3.7	-	6.59	9.65	6.91	+2.76	7.00	7.99	2.36	3.71	-1.39	2.40	3.00	Hazaribagh.		
67	-	3.1	-	13.69											Ranohi.		
63	-4	3.1	-0.9	3.45	2.41	3.44	-1.00	3.30	4.31	Nil	1.13	-1.13	0.00	1.03	Palamau.		
74	-	3.5	-	3.49	1.80	3.48	-0.68	3.33	3.73	Nil	0.93	-0.93	0.00	1.43	Manbhum.		
63	-	1.5	-	1.54	1.03	3.76	-1.13	3.75	3.91	Nil	1.10	-1.10	0.00	1.11	Siugbhum.		
73	-	3.9	-	1.04	1.41	3.03	-1.21	3.33	3.91	Nil	0.86	-0.86	0.00	1.30	Sibesar.		
60	-	3.0	-	1.67	1.49	3.97	-1.48	3.35	4.33	Nil	1.13	-1.13	0.00	1.70	Goulpara.		
67	+3	5.5	-1.5	0.73											Cocher.		
63	-3	3.2	-0.5	3.07													
67	-3	5.5	-0.1	0.59													

* Mean of 21 days.

Table of Rainfall recorded at stations

Metereological Division.	Division.	District.	Station.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
SOUTH-WEST BENGAL.	Burdwan.	Burdwan	Kalna	0.09	...	0.07	...	...	...	0.12	...	0.18	0.05	...	...	0.03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Burdwan	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.09	0.02	...	...	0.04	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Kaswa	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.16	0.23	0.23	0.05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Birbhum	Kanaiyan	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.18	0.07	...	...	0.14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Mankur	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.20	0.13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Seri	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.10	0.55	0.08	0.30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Bankura	Hetampur	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.42	0.30	...	0.03	...	0.07	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Rampur Hat	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.15	0.20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Bolpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.04	0.35	...	1.15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Narpat	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.50	0.21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
SOUTH-EAST BENGAL.	Presidency.	Murshidabad.	Bankura	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.16	0.09	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Vishnupur	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.01	0.80	0.15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Malihata	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.25	0.85	...	0.04	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Khatra	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.85	...	...	...	...	0.05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Jessore	Kotalpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.30	0.33	0.15	...	...	0.04	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Onia	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.12	1.05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Gangajalghati	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.30	0.08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Rampur	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.35	0.08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Rajshahi.	Sonamukhi	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.35	0.08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Contai	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.61	0.83	0.10	...	0.04	0.06	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
SOUTH-EAST BENGAL.	Rajshahi.	Hooghly	Tamluk	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.45	0.15	...	...	0.10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Midnapore	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.05	0.15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Ghatol	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.05	0.15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Kutnahaty	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.47	0.19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Howrah	Garhbeta	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Panskura	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.77	0.50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Howrah	Dantua	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Srirampore	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.05	0.15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		24-Parganas	Hooghly	0.05	0.15
			Aram bagh (Jahanabadi)	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.02	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Howrah	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.04	0.12	0.08	0.18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Mohesra	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.41	0.24	0.07	...	1.20	...	0.61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Rajshahi.	Diamond Harbour.	Ulubaria	0.40	0.18	0.03	0.01
				Saugor Island	0.61
				Diamond Harbour	3.33	0.30	0.12	...	0.82	0.34
				Budge-Budge	1.90	3.80	0.24	...	0.38	0.17	0.08	0.15
			Nadia	Canning Town	0.31	0.21
				Alipore (Oday.)	0.09	0.10	0.14
Murshidabad.	Barrackpore		...	...	...	...	...	...	1.06	0.10	0.09	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bum-Dum		...	...	...	...	...	...	1.71	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Barnat		...	...	...	...	...	...	4.85	0.06	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Basirhat		...	...	...	...	...	...	0.73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahi.	Murshidabad.	Kanaihat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Krishnagar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.07	0.03	0.07	0.37	0.10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Chundanga	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.01	0.28	0.08	...	0.05	0.04	...	0.03	...	...	...	...	...
		Meherpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.55	0.10	0.30	0.83	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jessore	Kushia	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.07	0.70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Kandi	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.46	0.64	...	0.78	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Berhampore	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.05	0.08	0.13	0.23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Lalbagh	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.08	0.03	0.17	0.12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Rajshahi.	Asimganj	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.08	0.03	0.17	0.12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Jalgaon	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.30	0.08	0.75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
SOUTH-EAST BENGAL.	Rajshahi.	Dinajpur	Aliganj	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.60	0.60	1.31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Patikabari	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.30	0.11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Bumkal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Narail	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Dinajpur	Jessore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Jhauidah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Magura	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Naigson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Rajshahi.	Satkhira	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Bagerhat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Khulna	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Kaliganj	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Rajshahi.	Natipur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Dumuria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Rampal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Kalaroa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Rajshahi.	Paikpacha	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Mollahat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Morrellganj	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tala	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahi.	Rajshahi	Baalia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Nator	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Naugson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Lalpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Dinajpur	Munda	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Mahadebpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Nitthpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Nawabganj	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Rajshahi.	Gangarsampur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Churaman	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahi.	Dinajpur	Raiganj	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Dinajpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Behrughat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Thakurgaon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Rajshahi.	Satoganj	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Rangaj	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jalpaiguri	Jalpaiguri	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Alipore Duar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Paikata	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Dohiganj	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahi.	Shangrampur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Table of Rainfall recorded at static

NORTH BENGAL—continued.

EAST BENGAL.

SHAH.

Division.	District.	Station.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Rajshahi—continued.	Tibet	Yatung	0'11	0'14	...	...	...	...	0'03	...	0'20	...	...	0'05	...	...	...	0'20	...	...	...	...
	Cooch Behar	Dinhata	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'08	0'03	...	2'11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Cooch Behar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'19	0'00	...	0'08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Mackligan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'08	3'04	...	0'18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Matlabhangra	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'10	0'01	0'03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bangpur	Pabbari	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3'00	0'10	...	0'73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Bhowaniganj (Gaitanda).	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'05	...	1'17	...	...	0'67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Rangpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'03	...	0'40	1'05	0'01	0'50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Peerganj	0'10	...	...	...	...	...	0'08	...	...	...	...	...	0'08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Kuriganon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'16	1'32	0'05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca.	Hogra	Gobindganj	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'30	0'01	0'50	...	0'30	0'03	0'30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Bagdogra (Nilphamari).	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3'25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Ulipur	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'11	0'11	...	...	...	0'26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Sunderganj	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Sherpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'23	...	0'16	...	0'11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Nowkhilla	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'38	...	...	...	0'08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Noora	0'13	...	0'06	...	...	...	1'81	0'30	0'57	...	...	0'10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Panchabibi	...	...	0'38	...	...	...	0'11	0'17	...	0'17	3'00	0'25	0'19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Falms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'07	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Koraganj	...	0'17	0'13	...	...	...	0'56	0'05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong.	Dacon	Munshiganj	...	...	...	0'03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Dacca	...	...	...	0'31	...	0'43	0'18	0'01	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Naryanganj	...	0'07	...	...	...	...	...	0'43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Manikganj	...	...	0'19	...	...	0'38	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jaydehpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'70	...	...	1'25	...	...	0'26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Kishoreganj	...	...	0'21	...	...	...	...	0'43	...	0'08	...	0'77	0'08	0'48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Atia (Tangail)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'12	0'03	0'04	...	0'03	...	0'16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Mymensingh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'04	...	0'57	0'11	0'13	0'1	0'02	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jamailpur	0'20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'25	...	...	0'35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Netrakona	...	1'45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Faridpur.	Sobarnakhal	...	...	...	1'05	0'05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Durgapur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'46	0'00	...	0'01	0'12	...	0'01	0'02	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sherpur Thon	0'00	...	...	0'23	...	...	...	0'05	...	...	0'07	...	...	0'25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Diwanaganj	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nalitabari	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Madaripur	...	1'00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Faridpur	...	...	3'03	0'19	...	...	1'81	0'17	...	...	0'12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Goulundo	0'50	1'03	0'09	0'11	...	...	0'18	...	0'09	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Patakhali	...	1'37	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Pirojpur	...	...	...	0'07	...	...	...	...	...	0'23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hill Tracts.	Barisal	...	0'78	...	0'67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'09	...	0'09	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Gaurinadi	...	...	...	0'13	...	...	...	...	...	0'09	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Broia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'63	0'06	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Doulatkhan	...	...	0'31	...	...	...	...	...	0'10	0'70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bauphal	...	0'38	0'30	...	0'04	...	...	...	0'40	0'50	0'08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hill Tippera.	Agartala	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'30	...	...	...	...	0'50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Comilla	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chandpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'03	0'08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Brahmanbaria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'06	0'78	0'46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Ramchandrapur.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Noakh.	Nairnagar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Daudkandi	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Kadma	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Laksmi	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Noakhali	...	0'07	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Fenny	...	0'03	1'33	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'07	1'37	0'45	0'73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Harishpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'06	1'00	0'35	0'38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Ramganj	...	0'10	0'28	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'08	1'04	0'09	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhaganaya	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'18	3'70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hafsa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'05	0'58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong.	Lakshmipur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Cox's bazar	...	0'10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chittagong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Kutubdia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sathania	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Kodala	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Pasoa	0'40	1'55	...	1'10	0'28	0'25	0'12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Mirsarai	1'40	...	...	0'20	0'02	0'01	0'05	0'06	0'15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Kanuparna	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bandarban	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna.	Patna	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'08	0'37	0'58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Dinapore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'30	0'40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bihar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'34	0'30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Barh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'50	3'25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bikram	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hilmi	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Aurangabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Gaya	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nawada	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'15	1'40	3'50	0'07	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jehanabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'00	0'20	0'25	1'18	0'08	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad.	Arwal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'07	0'15	0'10	3'00	0'03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Daudnagar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'01	0'08	0'08	1'02	0'11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sherghati	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'40	0'09	0'04	0'05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Rajauli	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'14	0'06	0'07	0'03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Pakri Barawan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'18	0'00	1'11	0'21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Deo	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'07	0'70	0'18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bucur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Dehri	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'10	0'47	1'50	3'23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Brabant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'03	0'73	0'04	0'07	0'03	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nusrat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'28	1'10	2'00	0'08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Number of rainy days.	Average number of rainy days.	Total rainfall for the month.	Average rainfall for the month.	Highest rainfall during the month.	Total rainfall from 1880 to 31st October 1900.	Average rainfall from 1880 to 31st Oct. bet.	Station.	District.	Division.	Meteorological Division.
...	4	?	0.73	?	0.20	?	?	Yatung	Tibet.	Rajshahi-cluded.	North Bengal.
...	3	?	0.82	?	0.21	Nil	1.65	Dinbhat	Cooch Behar.		
...	3	?	4.20	1.17	3.22	0.40	1.65	Cooch Behar			
...	3	?	4.41	3.34	4.71	3.64	1.00	Michiganj.			
...	3	?	5.00	1.57	0.33	1.10	1.85	Matbhanga.			
...	3	?	?	?	?	?	?	Fulbari.			
...	3	?	4.52	1.49	5.03	1.17	1.02	Bhawaniganj (Gaibandha).			
...	3	?	4.00	1.24	5.44	1.05	2.32	Rangpur.			
...	1	?	0.20	?	0.10	Nil	?	Paerganj.			
...	4	?	3.62	3.13	4.40	1.32	0.93	Kuriganj.			
...	4	?	?	?	0.30	Nil	?	Gobindganj.			
...	3	?	4.00	2.00	4.40	2.35	1.38	Haridwara (Nalpanagar).			
...	3	?	2.01	0.48	4.14	0.28	0.96	Ulipur.			
...	1	?	?	0.31	?	0.31	?	Shwarganj.			
...	3	?	4.05	0.40	4.41	0.23	1.80	Shorpur			
...	1	?	4.70	0.46	4.55	0.38	1.86	Nowkhilla.			
...	6	?	5.00	2.70	3.74	1.81	1.87	Botra			
...	6	?	4.05	3.40	4.23	2.00	1.12	Panchbibbi.			
...	1	?	5.50	0.45	4.03	0.38	1.54	Pabna.			
...	4	?	4.39	1.44	4.23	0.28	1.65	Berajganj.			
...	0.05	Nil	?	5.73	0.66	5.28	0.05	2.15	Munshiganj.	Dacca.	Dacca.	
...	0.03	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	?	0.19	1.01	4.02	0.48	0.05	Dacca			
...	0.03	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	?	5.40	0.92	4.42	0.42	0.03	Naryanganj.			
...	0.08	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	?	4.02	0.64	3.00	0.38	0.08	Manikganj.			
...	0.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	?	5.36	2.30	3.02	1.25	0.10	Jaydebpur.			
...	5	?	0.19	2.30	4.91	0.77	Nil	Kishorganj.			
...																			

Table of Rainfall recorded at stations

Division.	District.	Station.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Patna—continued.	Baran	Oopalanj	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'07	0'04	1'05	0'18	...	0'20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Siwan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'40	0'20	0'48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Ekma	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'25	...	0'45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Chapra	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'01	0'04	0'44	0'46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Hathua	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'40	1'54	0'18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Champanan	Amnour	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'55	0'12	0'38	...	...	0'11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Basantpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'40	0'30	...	...	1'07	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Darauli	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'35	1'10	0'04	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Rhoreh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'15	0'05	1'57	0'10	...	0'14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Motihar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'08	0'47	0'70	...	0'09	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Muzaffarpur...	Bhagalpur	Bettiah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'02	2'59	0'20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Baghua	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'58	1'01	0'61	...	0'17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Burnpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'23	1'48	0'45	...	1'84	0'04	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Ramnagar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2'49	0'40	0'20	...	0'10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Bitamarhi	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'75	0'41	0'18	...	1'02	1'50	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Darbhanga	Muzaffarpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'04	0'41	1'11	0'27	...	0'16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Hajipur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'54	0'23	...	0'08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Paru	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'26	0'45	...	...	0'36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Mahuwa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Shluha	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'06	0'75	0'00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagalpur...	Monghyr	Papri	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'45	0'24	0'31	...	1'42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Tajpur (Bama- tipur).	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'03	0'02	0'38	0'02	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Darbhanga	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'55	0'25	...	0'30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Madhubani	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'17	...	0'58	0'02	...	0'65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Bahera	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'48	0'04	...	0'17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bhagalpur	Roserha	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'03	...	0'54	1'34	...	0'01	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Bogusrai	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'06	0'01	0'02	2'30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagalpur.	Monghyr	Monghyr	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'05	0'05	...	2'30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Jamui	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'58	0'10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Gogri	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'16	1'17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Jamalpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'09	3'76	...	0'22	0'02	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Bhailhpura	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2'55	0'35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bhagalpur	Chahal Bamda	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'34	...	...	2'02	0'01	0'02	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Chuprasa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'09	0'35	0'08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Gidhour	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'02	...	0'14	0'26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Thargpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'12	...	3'18	0'05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Madhipura	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'03	...	0'03	1'16	...	1'05	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purnea	Bhagalpur	Bongmon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		(Syfabad).	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Supani	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'04	...	1'03	0'03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Pratapganj	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'27	0'07	0'50	...	0'55	0'20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Bhagalpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'01	...	3'49	0'19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Purnea	Banka	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'16	...	3'34	...	0'59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Coigong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2'58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Dandi	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'07	0'06	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Kishanganj	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Araria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'45	3'20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nalanda	Sonthal	Purnea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Gondwara	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'45	3'00	0'35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		(Korah).	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Barosa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'20	...	1'01	1'30	0'68	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Forbesganj	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'45	0'40	...	0'09	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sonthal	Kalinganj	2'10
		Malda	0'12	...	0'74
		Chandelal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'46	0'25	1'10	0'13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Gajol	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2'05	2'00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Sihganj	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'05	...	0'32	0'12	...	0'40	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sonthal	Paraganas	Kajmahal	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'06	...	3'24	0'05	...	0'40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Godda	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'12	...	0'31	3'09	...	0'08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Pakaur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'22	...	1'52	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Naya Dumka	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'29	0'17	0'23	0'31	0'03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Deoghur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'02	0'05	...	3'36	...	0'20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Paraganas	Jamtara	0'02	0'06	0'20	0'09
		Mohagawa
		Nanihat
		Assenbani	0'27
		Katikund	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'60	0'20	0'40	0'60	0'30	0'60	...	0'05	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balasore	Cuttack	Madhipur	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'05	0'32	...	0'04	1'05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Narayan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'43	0'07	3'08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Sorath	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'14	0'05	0'05	0'01	0'36	...	0'24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Barkope	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'16	0'15	0'13	0'30	1'72	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Bhagya	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Balasore	Mohaspore	1'03	0'34
		Hiranpur	0'40	...	0'05
		Barharwa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3'19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Sahibganj	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Dario	0'67	0'17	...	0'39
Balasore	Cuttack	Jagatsingpur	...	...	...	...	...	2'05	4'08	...	...	0'15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Hanki	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'85	3'44	0'23	0'17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	2'85	4'02	0'07	...	0'70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		False Point	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'61	0'52	...	...	0'33	0'08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Kendrapara	...	...	...	...	...	...	2'48	1'74	0'02	...	0'04	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Balasore	Jajpur	3'20	1'90	0'16	...	0'45
		Dharmasala	1'50	0'10	...	0'10
		Balipur	...	...	...	...	...	...	2'35	4'35	0'04	...	0'35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Akhyapada	...	...	...	...	...	...	2'12	2'08	0'02	...	0'35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Ohandballi	...	...	...	...	...	...	2'29	0'05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Peri	Balasore	Rhadrak	...	...	...	...	...	...	2'45	2'78	0'11	...	0'72	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Soro	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'45	2'45	0'04	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Balasore	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'02	0'07	0'18	...	0'24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Jellaspore	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'02	2'00	0'31	0'09	...	0'21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Bari	0'07	1'02	0'04	
	Peri	Khurda	1'02	0'90	0'33
		Rhanpur	0'15	0'16	...	0'35	0'18										

Phosphorus

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Table of Rainfall recorded at station

Metereol-geal Division.	Division.	District.	Station.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
CHOZA NAGPUR.	Chota Nagpur.	Hazaribagh	Pachanba (Giridih).	...	...	...	...	...	0'05	1'12	0'11	0'01	1'76	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Hazaribagh	...	...	...	...	...	0'07	0'26	0'18	0'73	1'46	0'18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Barhi	...	...	...	...	...	1'79	0'23	0'23	0'46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Ohadra	...	...	...	...	...	0'13	...	...	0'84	0'31	0'26	0'01	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Khargdaha	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Ramgar	...	...	...	...	...	0'40	0'30	1'20	0'80	0'10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Lehardaga	...	...	...	...	...	0'14	0'47	0'10	1'82	0'03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			amanchi	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'30	...	0'37	...	...	0'09	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Silli	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'79	0'15	0'09	0'31	...	0'75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Palkot	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'32	0'30	2'06	0'12	0'15	0'20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Dano	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'32	0'27	0'09	0'01	...	1'02	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Tamar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Kurdeg	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Chasipur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'40	0'32	1'57	0'04	0'11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Sirgaja	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2'00	1'60	1'20	1'80	0'40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Jashpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'02	1'78	2'02	1'18	0'49	1'20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Gangpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Palamu	Palamu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'06	0'15	1'05	0'28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			(Daltonganj)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Balunath	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'10	...	1'30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Husainabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'10	0'30	0'10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Gariwa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'17	0'60	0'20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Mahadanj	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'11	0'15	1'49	0'17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Panki	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'20	0'54	0'70	0'06	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Lotehar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'10	0'35	1'00	0'10	0'30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Nagarutari	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'01	0'19	1'20	0'32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Rancho	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'17	0'20	1'10	0'10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Manbhum	Chatterpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'17	0'21	0'35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Jurulia	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'36	0'39	...	0'29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Gohindpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'47	0'10	0'36	0'09	1'29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Raghunathpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'17	0'26	0'34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Burshbhum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'35	...	0'52	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Jhulda	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'01	0'52	0'12	0'02	0'72	...	0'16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Chas	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'24	0'15	0'42	...	0'44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Pandra	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'71	0'08	...	...	0'35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Chaitasana	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'50	0'73	...	...	0'42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Chakarharpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'01	0'42	...	0'08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Singhbhum	Ghatalla	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Baharagura	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'34	1'28	0'15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Gadkura	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'60	1'40	0'59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Kalkover	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'17	0'18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Manaharpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'23	0'49	0'35	1'03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Katdari	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'50	...	0'50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Korakilla	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Kharwas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Kesonghus	...	...	...	...	0'27	0'74	1'24	1'30	0'60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'16	0'10	...	...
			Amadpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'15	1'75	0'47	0'45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'45	0'70	...
		Angul	Kunjibongurh	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'08	0'38	...	...	0'60	...	...	...	0'05	...	1'58	...	...	...
			Angul	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1'10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'16	0'53	...	...	...
			Hispara	...	...	...	...	0'24	0'14	0'60	3'80	0'36	0'46	...	...	...	...	...	0'30	0'06	...	...	...
			Pal Lahara	...	...	...	...	0'02	1'13	0'11	0'04	1'29	3'08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'46	...
			Tulohar	...	...	...	...	...	...	5'81	0'86	0'52	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dhankamal	2'08	5'10	2'45	...	0'85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Boisanga	1'05	5'05	1'30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baramba	0'20	...	13'0	5'26	0'63	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0'04	...	...
Narwainpur		
Ohhindipada	3'00	1'31	0'41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	Number of rainy days.	Average number of rainy days.	Total rainfall for the month.	Average rainfall for the month.	Heaviest rainfall during the month.	Total rainfall from Feb to Oct. 1900.	Average rainfall from Feb to Oct. 1900.	Station.	District.	Division.	Metereological Division.
...	3	4'04	3'05	3'25	4'76	Nil	1'29	Pachemba (Giridih).	Hasaribagh.		
...	4	4'69	3'45	3'41	1'48	Nil	1'26	Hasaribagh.			
...	3	3'91	3'47	3'16	1'79	Nil	0'98	Barhi.			
...	3	3'93	1'45	2'91	0'94	Nil	0'95	Chatra.			
...	4	4'45	3'11	3'11	1'20	Nil	0'79	Karwadeha.			
...	3	4'18	3'80	3'83	1'83	Nil	1'83	Kamgar.			
...	4	4'64	2'56	2'56	1'83	Nil	1'83	Lehardaga.	Banchi.		
...	3	4'73	0'76	3'95	0'37	Nil	1'16	Kanchi.			
...	4	1'90	3'09	1'74	0'70	Nil	0'37	Silla.			
...	6	?	3'77	?	2'08	Nil	?	Palhot.			
...	4	?	3'22	?	0'60	Nil	?	Bano.			
...	?	?	?	?	?	Nil	?	Tamar.			
...	?	?	?	?	?	Nil	?	Kurdeg.			
...	4	?	2'73	?	1'57	Nil	?	Champur.			
...	5	3'50	7'00	1'75	2'00	Nil	0'93	Sirgaja.			
...	6	5'64	8'88	4'23	3'02	Nil	2'63	Jashpur.			
...	3	3'50	3'43	3'43	1'03	Nil	0'93	Gangpur.			
...	3	3'19	1'54	2'50	1'03	Nil	0'94	Palamau (Daltonganj).	Palamau.		
...	3	3'10	3'00	3'07	1'90	Nil	1'37	Belumath.			
...	3	3'18	1'10	3'40	0'90	Nil	1'07	Husainabad.			
...	3	3'18	0'97	3'03	0'90	Nil	1'01	Garhwa.			
...	4	?	2'13	?	1'60	Nil	?	Mahesdwar.			
...	4	?	1'50	?	1'70	Nil	?	Panki.			
...	4	?	3'86	?	1'41	Nil	?	Lotehar.			
...	4	?	1'72	?	1'20	Nil	?	Nagarotari.			
...	4	?	1'67	?	1'10	Nil	?	Kanka.			
...	3	?	0'73	?	0'35	Nil	?	Chatterpur.			
...	3	3'96	1'04	3'03	0'39	Nil	1'05	Purulia.	Manbhum.		
...	4	4'44	3'31	3'26	1'23	Nil	1'11	Gobindpur.			
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**SUMMARY OF THE METEOROLOGICAL AND RAINFALL OBSERVATIONS
TAKEN IN BENGAL, AND OF THE METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS
TAKEN IN ASSAM, FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1900.**

The chief features of the weather during October were—

(1) Cold season pressure conditions having appeared earlier than usual, the month was cooler and drier than in average years.

(2) Two disturbances occurred during the month. The first of these moved north-westward into the north-west angle of the Bay, and, after crossing Orissa, recurved and caused cloudy showery weather in the western districts between the 6th and 12th. While the central area was approaching and passing over Orissa, heavy rain fell in that area, and it is owing to these heavy falls that Orissa is the only division which received more than the normal amount during the month. The second depression entered the Bay from the east about the 20th and developed into one of considerable depth while crossing the Bay towards the Madras coast, which it crossed on the 24th. The influence of this disturbance was much less marked over the Province, but it caused fairly general rainfall in Orissa and Lower Bengal in the early part of the fourth week.

The rain which then fell was most general in East Bengal, with the exception of Dacca and Mymensingh, which were almost entirely rainless.

(3) Owing to the continued absence of rainfall in the eastern districts and over a great part of Assam, judging by the rainfall at Sibsaagar, Dhubri and Silchar, falls were much below the normal over a great part of that area. Silchar received one-eighth of the usual amount, Dhubri less than one-half, but at Sibsaagar there was considerable excess. North Bengal received on an average 1.52 inches as compared with a normal of 4.28 and East Bengal 2.18 as compared with 5.45 inches.

At other times, that is with the exception of the two periods of disturbed weather referred to above, the pressure distribution was of the cold season type over the Province and in the north of the Bay, but towards the south it was lower than usual in the east of the Bay. In consequence of that arrangement westerly or north-westerly winds with little or no cloud and comparatively low temperature prevailed. This low temperature was more marked in the western districts, as in East and North Bengal and Assam day readings were considerably above the normal probably owing to the absence of cloud in the early part of the month. Mean night temperature was low over the whole Province, but by small amounts, except in Bihar and North Bengal, where there was defect of 2° to 3° .

At the beginning of the month pressure was rising in the west of the Province and falling in Bengal Proper and generally over the east of the Bay. The distribution of the previous few days had become more decided, with readings highest in the north-west and lowest over Burma, where there was a moderate defect. The gradient from north-west to south-east was fairly steep as well as being unusual so early in the season, and northerly winds prevailed over the whole area. The mean difference from the normal varied from defect of 4° in the west of Bihar to excess of 3° at some of the eastern stations. The fall of pressure became more general on the 2nd, wind was increasing at Diamond Island, and the unsettled conditions had begun to move north-westward. During these early days showers were falling in the south of Bengal Proper, but they were generally light, the only fall of importance being 5 inches at Jessore on the 2nd.

On the two following days a widespread and apparently shallow depression was over the centre of the Bay with general cyclonic winds, which were of some strength in the south-east, but there was nothing to show that there was a well-defined cyclonic storm till it was close to the Orissa coast on the morning of the 6th. During the twenty-four hours preceding 8 a.m. of that date pressure fell nearly a quarter of an inch at Puri; and as there was a general rise, except in the area of disturbance, concentration was evidently proceeding. The greatest defect was .3 inch, so that the depression was of the kind usual in the monsoon season.

In crossing Orissa the depression became diffused and partly filled up, and in the Central Provinces it recurved. On the morning of the 9th pressure fell slowly in the west of Bihar, the gradient became steeper in the western districts, and a shallow residual depression moved eastward across the north of the Province, ultimately disappearing on the 11th. During these days cloudy showery weather was more or less general over the whole Province, but with the rapid rise of pressure on the 11th the distribution became normal, and on the following day was similar to that preceding the commencement of the disturbance. Pressure became high in the west of the Province and low over the south of Burma with northerly or north-westerly winds. Temperature was above the normal, except in the west of Bihar; but as northerly winds again became established, the comparatively cool weather was more general.

For a week subsequent to the final disappearance of the above disturbance, fine calm weather prevailed over the whole area, and it continued practically unchanged in the north of the Province till the end of the month. The first signs of the second disturbance were very faint, and indicated the approach of a low pressure area from the east towards the

coast of Tenasserim. Pressure changes were very slight, and the changes of wind direction between the 19th and 21st were almost the only indications that a shallow depression had entered the south of the Bay. There was some increase of wind force at Diamond Island, the greatest average velocity being 14 miles an hour on the 20th. There were the usual signs of unsettled weather in the south of the Bay on the following days, and on the 23rd pressure fell rapidly on the Madras coast. The centre of the depression crossed the coast on the 24th a little to the north of Madras, moving in a direction almost due west.

The depression was of small extent, the large changes of pressure being confined to the Madras stations, but it caused strong winds and heavy rain as far north as Vizagapatam, and cloudy weather with light showers over a wide area, including Orissa, Lower Bengal and Arakan. The showers in Bengal continued till the 26th, after which fine weather became established over both the Province and the Bay and continued without interruption till the end of the month.

Pressure was usually above the normal in Bengal and Orissa, and the only occasion when any considerable variation occurred was when the depression was crossing Orissa during the second week. The low pressure then prevailing in the south-west and afterwards in the west of the Province was of short duration. In consequence of the continued high readings, mean pressure for the month is above the normal over the whole area by amounts diminishing from the north towards the south. Excess is .05 inch in North Bengal and Bihar and about .03 inch in the south of Orissa and the southern parts of East Bengal.

Temperature.—Owing to the northerly or north-westerly winds, temperature was low in the western districts; but as cloud was comparatively light in Assam and the adjacent parts of East and North Bengal, the days were warmer than usual at eastern stations. The difference from the normal maximum temperature for the month varies from defect of 3° in the west of South Bihar to excess of 3° in East Bengal and Assam. Mean minimum temperature was practically normal, except in Bihar and North Bengal, where there was defect of 2°. In North and East Bengal and Assam the average mean excess was about half a degree. In South-West Bengal and Orissa temperature was normal, and in Bihar and Chota Nagpur there was defect of 1°.

Rainfall was less frequent than usual in all parts of the Province, the number of rainy days being below the normal in the various divisions. There is also a considerable to large deficiency in the amount, except in Orissa, where heavy rain fell on the 6th and 7th while the depression was crossing that area. On an average for the division the rainfall was 6.8 inches as compared with a normal of 5.9. In Bihar, where the rainfall was general and fairly heavy between the 8th and 11th owing to the recurving of the depression, defect was only half an inch, and in Chota Nagpur it was rather more than one inch, but in Bengal Proper and the greater part of Assam there was a large deficiency. North Bengal received only 36 per cent. of the normal and Lower Bengal about 40 per cent.

Showers fell in parts of Bengal Proper and Orissa in the early days of October, and occasionally these were heavy, as at Jessore, on the 2nd. They were only local showers such as occur with the variable winds prevailing at the change of seasons. The other rainfall of the month was due to the disturbances, which have been referred to above; the first moved north-westward and caused almost the whole rainfall of the month. General rainfall began in the south of the Province on the 6th and extended to the northern districts a day or two later. It finally ceased about the 12th. The second disturbance towards the end of the month gave cloudy weather over the whole Province, but only light showers fell, and these in the southern districts.

The following table gives a comparison between the actual monthly and total rainfall and the normal rainfall of the province up to the end of October in the same form as has been employed in the previous monthly abstracts of the present year. The figures represent the ratio of the rainfall of each month of the present year to the normal rainfall expressed as a percentage. The table thus gives a condensed summary of the rainfall data of the year for each meteorological division. The first ten columns give the percentage amount of rainfall received in each month, and the last column the percentage rainfall of the whole period from the 1st of January to the end of October:—

METEOROLOGICAL DIVISIONS.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	Actual rainfall of first ten months of 1900 expressed as a percentage of the normal fall for the period.
South-West Bengal	60	140	26	156	88	84	79	91	280	41	113
North Bengal	73	117	61	64	78	105	122	47	75	36	84
East "	9	184	98	84	62	117	112	73	92	40	91
Bihar	338	88	4	49	50	130	95	61	127	81	98
Orissa	6	82	117	157	89	63	99	174	65	116	126
Chota Nagpur	426	60	21	388	82	92	61	99	194	62	104

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The following table gives full data for the comparison of the actual and normal rainfall of the month of October in all districts of the Province. The first column gives the average district rainfall as determined from the rainfall observations of the past 26 years; the second column gives the actual district rainfall as determined from the actual weighted rainfall of the month at the reporting stations in the district; the third column expresses the ratio of the actual district rainfall to the normal as a percentage; and the fourth the same information in a slightly different form:—

Percentage Table for October 1900.

Division.	District.	Normal district rainfall for October.	Actual district rainfall for October 1900.	Percentage of actual to normal rainfall.	Percentage, excess (+), defect (—).
South-West Bengal	Burdwan	3.53	0.47	13	— 87
	Birbhum	3.53	1.06	30	— 70
	Bankura	3.24	0.65	20	— 80
	Midnapore	4.63	1.88	41	— 59
	Hooghly	4.08	0.62	15	— 85
	Howrah	3.66	3.66	97	— 3
	24 Parganas	4.79	3.32	69	+ 31
	Calcutta	4.89	0.82	19	— 81
	Nadia	4.16	1.18	28	— 72
	Murshidabad	3.74	0.94	25	— 75
	Jessore	4.41	3.73	85	— 15
	Khulna	4.94	2.66	54	— 46
North Bengal	Rajshahi	3.79	1.36	36	— 64
	Dinajpur	4.55	0.56	12	— 88
	Jalpaiguri	4.83	0.37	8	— 92
	Darjeeling	4.72	0.49	10	— 90
	Cooch Behar	5.54	1.85	33	— 67
	Rangpur	4.88	2.06	42	— 58
	Bogra	3.89	2.61	67	— 33
	Pabna	4.14	0.95	23	— 77
East Bengal	Dacca	4.26	0.71	17	— 83
	Mymensingh	5.80	1.75	30	— 70
	Faridpur	4.32	2.81	65	— 35
	Backergunge	5.92	2.48	42	— 58
	Tippura	5.10	1.95	38	— 62
	Noakhali	7.38	4.18	57	— 43
	Chittagong	6.85	1.26	18	— 82
	Chittagong Hill Tracts	6.54	3.09	32	— 68
Bihar	Patna	2.84	1.41	50	— 50
	Gaya	2.42	2.53	105	+ 5
	Shahabad	2.98	3.46	116	+ 16
	Saran	3.46	1.37	40	— 60
	Champaran	3.45	3.36	97	— 3
	Muzaffarpur	2.76	2.12	77	— 23
	Darbhanga	3.27	1.42	63	— 37
	Monghyr	3.27	2.44	103	+ 3
	Bhagalpur	2.79	2.98	106	+ 6
	Purnea	3.29	2.34	71	— 29
	Malda	4.18	1.35	32	— 68
	Sonthal Parganas	3.85	2.45	64	— 36
Orissa	Cuttack	5.49	6.60	120	+ 20
	Balasore	5.51	4.43	80	— 20
	Puri	7.37	9.55	130	+ 30
Chote Nagpur	Hazaribagh	3.37	2.86	85	— 15
	Ranchi	2.58	2.38	92	— 8
	Palamau	3.64	1.60	61	— 39
	Manbhum	2.72	1.38	51	— 49
	Singbhum	2.97	1.62	49	— 51

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The following table gives the summary of the temperature and rainfall data of each of the seven meteorological divisions of the Province for the month of October 1900:—

METEOROLOGICAL DIVISIONS.	TEMPERATURE						RAINFALL.							
	Highest observed during month.	Lowest observed during month.	Averages for month.			Average mean of month above or below normal mean of month.	Of month.			Rainy days.			Since 16th October 1900.	
			Of highest of each day.	Of lowest of each day.	Of mean for each day.		Average.	Normal average.	Variation.	Average number in month.	Normal average number in month.	Variation.	Average.	Normal average.
South-West Bengal	92.9	65.2	85.3	73.6	81.0	-0.1	1.82	4.00	-2.38	2.67	5.00	-2.13	0.06	1.63
North Bengal	93.4	59.3	87.9	70.9	79.4	+0.3	1.52	4.28	-2.76	2.55	4.30	-1.75	Nil	1.80
East "	94.3	64.1	88.4	73.3	80.9	+0.5	2.18	5.45	-3.27	3.49	5.82	-2.33	0.57	2.22
Bihar	92.3	57.9	88.9	69.9	78.4	-1.1	2.31	2.84	-0.53	2.58	2.96	-0.38	Nil	0.92
Orissa	93.7	62.7	88.1	74.8	81.5	-0.1	6.80	5.85	+0.95	5.00	6.63	-1.63	1.00	2.71
Chota Nagpur	80.0	60.2	83.2	66.9	75.1	-1.0	1.82	5.94	-1.12	3.22	3.94	-0.72	Nil	1.05
Assam	97.0	61.4	88.2	71.3	79.8	+0.5								

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, BENGAL,
The 13th November 1900.

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Abstract of the Results of Meteorological Observations taken at the Alipore Observatory in the month of October 1900.

	Inches.	Date.	Hour.
The mean pressure of the month	29.872		
The average pressure of October from 24 years' registers ...	29.832		
The highest pressure in the month	30.078	29th	10
The lowest pressure in the month	29.671	8th	16
The range of pressure	0.407		
Hours.			
The total number of hours of bright sunshine during the month	211.4		
The maximum possible number of hours of sunshine ...	359.1		
°			
The mean temperature of the month	80.4		
The average temperature of October from 24 years' registers ...	81.5		
The highest temperature in the month	92.4	13th	
The lowest temperature in the month	66.0	31st	
The range of temperature during the month	26.4		
The mean daily range of temperature	14.1		
The greatest range of temperature in one day	19.7	31st	
Per cent.			
The mean humidity of the month	80		
The average humidity of October from 24 years' registers ...	79		
Inches.			
The mean vapour tension of the month	0.830		
The average vapour tension of October from 9 years' registers ...	0.854		
The mean cloud proportion of the month	4.35		
The average cloud proportion of October from 23 years' registers	3.85		
Inches.			
The total rainfall of the month	0.82		
The total rainfall indicated by a Beckley's self-registering rain-gauge (mouth of the gauge about 52 feet above the ground)	0.77		
The average fall of October from 48 years' registers ...	5.61		
The greatest fall in 24 hours	0.24	9th	
Days.			
The number of rainy days in the month	7		
The average number of rainy days in October from 24 years' registers	10		
°			
The mean maximum equilibrium temperature of solar radiation during the month	142.3		
The mean difference of sun and air temperatures	53.8		
The greatest sun temperature	148.7	13th	
The greatest excess of sun over air temperature	59.5	25th	
The mean temperature of the nocturnal radiation thermometer on woollen cloth	70.8		
The mean depression of the nocturnal radiation thermometer below the minimum air temperature at 4 feet above the ground	3.6		
The greatest depression of the nocturnal radiation thermometer below the minimum air temperature	5.5	19th, 30th and 31st	
Miles.			
The mean movement of the wind per day	76.5		
The greatest movement of the wind in one day	160.0	6th	
The greatest movement of the wind in one hour	16.0	6th 11 to noon.	

The number of hours with winds from each of the 8 points—

N. 174, N.E. 69, E. 92, S.E. 41, S. 61, S.W. 68, W. 32, N.W. 119, Calm 88.

The results of observations at the Alipore Observatory are not rigorously comparable with the registers of past years (at the Park Street Observatory). The barometer is about 3 feet higher at Alipore, and, other things being equal, reads therefore .003 lower. The diurnal range of temperature is also greater at Alipore, and the mean temperature apparently about 0.8 lower; and, finally, the thermometer, which furnished the record of temperature at the Surveyor-General's Office during 20 years and upwards, is found to read 0.6 higher than the Kew Standard thermometer, which is the standard of reference at the present Observatory.

G. W. KÜCHLER,

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, GOVT. OF INDIA,
Alipore (Calcutta), the 12th November 1900.

For Meteorological Reporter to the Govt. of India
and Director-General of Indian Observatories.

Results of the Meteorological Observations taken at the Alipore Observatory from 4th to 10th November 1900.

Month.	Date.	Maximum in sun.	Number of hours of bright sunshine.	Mean pressure barometer at 32° Fahr.	TEMPERATURE.				HYGROMETRY.				WIND.		Rain.	WEATHER.
					Mean.	Maximum.	Range.	Minimum.	Mean wet bulb.	Vapour tension.	Dew point.	Humidity.	Prevailing direction.	Miles recorded.		
1900				Inches.	°							%			Inches.	
Nov.	4th	138.8	9.3	29.973	77.0	87.5	10.5	71.0	70.7	0.671	67.4	73	NNW and N ...	117	Nil	Clear, D.
"	5th	137.9	9.4	.942	74.8	85.1	10.3	66.9	67.7	.685	63.4	70	NNW ...	127	"	Clear, D.
"	6th	136.6	9.2	.915	73.5	84.1	10.6	65.2	67.3	.588	63.6	73	NW by N and NNW.	86	"	Chiefly clear, D.
"	7th	137.3	8.4	.903	73.9	84.9	11.0	65.3	68.4	.622	65.2	76	N by W, NNW and WNW.	76	"	Chiefly clear, D.
"	8th	144.0	7.4	.852	75.3	87.8	12.5	66.3	70.8	.698	68.5	80	WNW, SSW and variable.	49	"	Partially cloudy, D.
"	9th	136.8	8.0	.844	75.6	86.6	11.0	66.3	69.8	.651	66.5	75	SSW, NNW and variable.	68	"	Partially cloudy, D.
"	10th	135.7	8.3	.888	74.2	84.6	10.4	65.2	67.7	.594	63.8	72	NNW and N ...	79	"	Partially cloudy, D.

The mean pressure of the seven days	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Inches
The average pressure of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.902
The total number of hours of bright sunshine	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Hours
The maximum possible number of hours of sunshine	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	69.5
The mean temperature of the seven days	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74.9
The average temperature of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77.4
The extreme variation of temperature	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22.6
The maximum temperature	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87.8
The highest velocity of the wind in one hour	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Miles
The mean relative humidity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	71
The average relative humidity of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74
The total fall of rain from 4th to 10th November 1900	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Inches
The average fall of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
The total fall from 1st January to 10th November 1900	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.37
The average fall of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89.27
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65.00

The mean pressure, temperature, &c., are deduced from the traces of the Barograph and Thermograph. The maximum and minimum temperatures are obtained from self-registering thermometers. All the thermometers are verified and the readings have been corrected to a standard constructed and verified at the Kew Observatory. They are exposed under a thatched shed open at the sides, and are suspended four feet above the ground.

The barometer readings are corrected approximately to those of the standard, Newman's No. 86, formerly at the Surveyor-General's Office.

The hygrometric elements are obtained from Tables III, IV, and V of the official tables computed in the Meteorological Office, and based on Regnault's modifications of August's formula.

The directions and the movement of the wind are taken from the trace of a Beckley's anemograph.

The mouth of the rain-gauge is one foot above the ground.

D, dew.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, GOVT. OF INDIA,
Alipore (Calcutta), the 12th November 1900.

G. W. KUCHLER,
For Meteorological Reporter to the Govt. of India
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Vital Statistics of the Districts of Bengal for the month of September 1900.

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Burdwan	Burdwan	1,301,589	...	2,911	25,008	18	2,172	18,792	67	148	35	...	548	4,688	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540	2,540

OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR BENGAL,
The 10th November 1900.H. J. DYSON, Major, I.M.S., F.R.C.S.,
Sanitary Commissioner for Bengal.

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Vital Statistics of Towns in Bengal with a population of 20,000 and over during the month of September 1900.

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OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR BENGAL,

The 10th November 1900.

H. J. DYSON, Major, I.M.S., F.R.C.S.,
Secretary Commissioner for Bengal.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CALCUTTA GAZETTE, NOVEMBER 14, 1900. 1837

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL, IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT.

Approximate return of traffic on the Circular and Eastern Canals for the week ending Saturday, the 3rd November 1900, as compared with the corresponding week of the previous year.

NATURE OF CARGO.	WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 3RD NOVEMBER 1900.			WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 4TH NOVEMBER 1899.		
	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.
	No.	Mds.	Rs.	No.	Mds.	Rs.
Rice and paddy	669	87,050	1,402	1,221	1,67,300	2,450
Jute	643	1,65,670*	2,657	266	1,05,200	1,580
Firewood	74	53,725	800	82	55,050	845
Other articles	712	1,67,770	2,176	827	1,62,800	2,204
Total	1,998	4,74,115	7,035	2,396	4,91,350	7,079

* Weight by canal measurement—1,64,725 maunds.

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL, IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT.

Approximate Return of Traffic on the Circular and Eastern Canals for the week ending Saturday, the 10th November 1900 as compared with the corresponding week of the previous year.

NATURE OF CARGO.	WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 10TH NOVEMBER 1900.			WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 11TH NOVEMBER 1899.		
	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.
	No.	Mds.	Rs.	No.	Mds.	Rs.
Rice and paddy	622	98,625	1,639	1,006	1,68,885	2,650
Jute	648	1,89,815*	3,010	36	1,09,075	1,605
Firewood	68	47,870	723	88	72,425	1,162
Other articles	971	2,15,560	2,787	798	1,78,385	2,484
Total	2,309	5,51,870	8,159	2,198	5,28,770	7,901

* Weight by canal measurement—1,76,725 maunds.

Weekly Return of Traffic Receipts on Indian Railways.

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 20th October 1900, on 1,837.09 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total Traffic for the week ...	333,107	Rs. A. P. 3,80,337 13 0	Mds. S. 64,36,803 0	Rs. A. P. 9,83,769 5 0	Rs. A. P. 31,618 0 0	Rs. A. P. 13,85,425 9 0	106,469	174,258	280,727
For previous 16 weeks of half-year.	4,350,328 ²	55,90,993 1 0 ²	6,75,83,787 10 ¹	1,30,72,408 8 0 ¹	3,12,792 0	01,1,70,76,193 4 0	1,611,673 ³	2,671,681 ³	4,283,354
Total for 16 weeks ...	5,614,095	59,71,230 14 0	7,31,30,590 10	1,30,58,177 8 0	3,34,810 0 0	1,93,61,618 6 0	1,718,049	2,843,939	4,561,988
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year.	293,404	3,43,679 3 6	46,00,537 0	9,03,951 3 0	24,067 12 1	12,70,698 1 7	67,278	188,120	255,400
Per mile of Railway corresponding week of previous year.	.....	200 5 1	.....	588 6 9	14 1 1	743 12 11	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 16 ¹ weeks of previous year.	5,315,054 ¹	52,85,346 13 9	6,90,74,613 30	1,25,30,932 11 2	3,70,904 9 9	1,81,67,184 3 8	1,537,463 ¹	2,712,502 ¹	4,249,965

(a) The increase is due to the movements of pilgrims.

(b) The increase is chiefly in coal traffic.

* Added No. of passengers 1,628 and Rs. 18,289.

† Do. Mds. 3,98,607 and .. 4,021

‡ Do. .. 2,408

On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 25th August 1900.

§ Audited figures up to 25th August 1900.

1900.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899.

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.	
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
1,836-75	Week ended 7th July	220,095	4,68,652	47,00,038	9,23,311	21,864	14,16,737	778	208,408	Rs. A. P. 4 9 6
1,836-76	" " 14th "	382,035	3,75,996	40,63,181	9,21,650	22,241	18,10,890	719	297,447	4 7 0
1,837-00	" " 21st "	337,210	3,53,793	47,94,842	8,85,140	19,504	15,56,436	655	297,511	4 3 8
1,837-00	" " 28th "	344,710	3,46,133	50,89,389	9,27,090	19,376	12,92,569	704	294,959	4 6 1
1,837-00	" " 4th Aug.	302,331	4,61,735	45,16,233	6,31,084	18,457	12,03,676	704	290,499	4 7 3
1,837-00	" " 11th "	367,079	4,02,027	40,65,767	8,52,763	21,165	12,56,854	654	293,475	4 6 6
1,837-00	" " 18th "	344,807	3,69,027	44,25,720	7,51,090	19,230	11,30,247	630	285,313	4 0 3
1,837-00	" " 25th "	323,975	3,53,103	46,00,273	7,62,266	24,615	11,19,724	600	270,863	3 15 11
1,839-74	" " 1st Sept.	318,811	3,03,093	43,47,045	7,53,547	21,177	10,82,793	551	278,637	4 0 3
1,840-00	" " 8th "	374,876	3,75,699	42,53,686	7,95,354	21,359	11,92,312	608	274,637	3 14 3
1,840-00	" " 15th "	330,181	3,44,609	44,77,408	9,20,014	20,743	12,40,425	561	285,004	4 2 0
1,837-00	" " 22nd "	394,807	3,27,206	38,37,343	6,65,197	20,743	10,13,147	701	280,785	4 9 6
1,837-00	" " 29th "	396,037	4,02,474	36,62,905	6,56,784	20,722	10,61,080	578	267,356	3 13 3
1,837-00	" " 6th Oct.	348,778	3,22,439	37,33,032	6,64,554	20,601	10,67,845	578	258,257	4 1 6
1,837-00	" " 13th "	326,126	3,50,219	44,07,815	8,01,636	30,747	11,78,602	628	282,963	3 19 6
1,837-00	" " 20th "	333,167	3,80,238	54,35,863	9,83,770	31,418	15,65,492	754	284,849	4 1 10
	Totals up to date	5,614,095	59,71,230	7,31,30,590	1,30,58,178	3,34,210	1,93,61,618	650	4,563,981	4 3 11

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899—concluded.

1899.

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.	
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
1,710-07	8 days of July	425,807	4,54,371	45,59,139	8,06,000	16,698	12,77,124	747	307,818	Rs. A. P. 4 9 6
1,710-07	Week ended 15th July	361,619	3,51,938	42,17,639	6,87,306	13,140	10,52,402	615	264,918	4 2 1
1,710-07	" " 22nd "	340,546	3,37,012	35,12,074	6,04,241	13,066	9,65,338	560	256,062	4 1 0
1,710-07	" " 29th "	305,680	3,05,465	34,28,200	5,78,387	12,912	8,96,764	524	235,693	3 13 11
1,710-07	" " 5th Aug.	368,302	3,31,852	39,60,345	6,20,140	14,859	9,85,851	579	243,941	4 0 8
1,710-07	" " 12th "	318,033	2,91,063	37,39,186	6,48,631	13,916	9,40,559	553	244,678	3 14 1
	Adjustments on account of previous period.				1,70,137*	45,826†	3,15,943	.....	.....	.....
1,710-07	" " 19th "	306,970	2,91,935	39,30,581	6,57,549	22,701	9,73,295	583	243,174	4 0 0
1,710-07	" " 26th "	313,696	2,78,351	41,21,903	6,89,028	24,136	9,91,417	589	240,401	3 15 7
1,710-07	" " 2nd Sept.	289,203	2,76,543	43,31,418	7,70,919	21,516	10,64,839	625	234,879	4 3 1
1,710-07	" " 9th "	291,974	3,67,986	46,73,914	8,10,059	22,549	11,06,641	607	264,104	4 3 1
1,710-07	" " 16th "	316,412	3,31,328	44,47,736	8,50,448	22,371	12,04,645	704	277,838	4 6 6
1,710-07	" " 23rd "	345,177	3,74,356	43,67,671	9,12,071	21,303	13,00,129	703	286,475	4 9 1
1,710-07	" " 30th "	326,546	3,33,116	42,82,701	9,51,509	19,805	13,04,430	703	286,123	4 8 11
1,710-07	" " 7th Oct.	337,448	3,04,039	46,70,178	9,36,735	20,450	13,60,965	789	294,329	4 8 5
1,710-07	" " 14th "	331,308	3,52,632	47,36,397	8,49,845	31,659	12,73,573	744	294,103	4 7 8
1,710-07	" " 21st "	293,494	3,42,679	46,00,587	9,03,051	24,063	12,70,648	743	282,407	4 8 0
	Totals up to date	5,215,055	52,85,347	6,90,74,613	1,25,30,932	3,70,905	1,81,67,184	65	4,249,967	4 4 6

* Rs. 1,70,137—Added on account of rebate on coal deducted from returns from 1st July to 12th August 1899.

† 45,826— Ditto

‡ Audited figures. ditto of mileage and demurrage not having been included in returns from 1st July to 12th August 1899.

TARKESSUR BRANCH RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 20th October 1900, on 22·23 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	20,128	Rs. A. P. 4,833 13 0	Mds. S. 55,277 10	Rs. A. P. 1,885 7 0	Rs. A. P. 8 0 0	Rs. A. P. 6,727 4 0	1,100	70	1,180
Per mile of Railway ...	902,708*	217 7 1	2,504,416 0†	84 13 1	0 5 0	302 9 11	16,166‡	1,533§	17,480
For previous 15 weeks of half-year.		71,871 0 0*		8,164 8 0†	116 0 0‡	80,151 8 0			
Total for 16 weeks ...	322,834	76,704 13 0	4,24,003 10	10,049 18 0	124 0 0	80,878 13 0	17,375	1,412	18,687
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year.	18,055‡	4,532 7 4	6,816 0	201 6 0	0 1 0	4,829 14 4	926	108	1,034
Per mile of Railway corresponding week of previous year.	.....	203 14 3	.....	13 1 9	0 4 4	217 4 4	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 16 weeks of previous year.	308,690‡	71,106 6 6	2,00,442 10	6,964 3 0	144 14 0	78,325 8 3	17,435	1,759	19,194

* Deducted No. of passengers 978 and Rs. 288

† Do. Mds. Rs. 853 and

‡ Added

§ Audited figures up to 25th August 1900.

On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 25th August 1900.

1900.

Abstract of progressive weekly return of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899.

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.
22-23	Week ended 7th July ...	20,128	6,639	9,631	309	7	7,045	317	1,188
22-23	" " 14th " ...	32,389	7,452	12,587	459	7	7,918	350	1,200
22-23	" " 21st " ...	19,929	6,805	9,946	441	10	6,356	230	1,188
22-23	" " 28th " ...	19,106	4,520	19,015	492	10	6,022	226	1,188
22-23	" " 4th Aug. ...	18,774	4,516	8,208	343	5	4,864	219	1,188
22-23	" " 11th " ...	19,807	4,700	19,074	428	6	5,194	234	1,188
22-23	" " 18th " ...	15,943	3,513	6,706	286	4	3,803	171	1,188
22-23	" " 25th " ...	15,357	3,269	6,183	375	11	3,655	164	1,188
22-23	" " 1st Sept. ...	16,630	3,769	8,781	578	8	4,346	195	1,188
22-23	" " 8th " ...	18,583	4,410	8,757	519	8	4,937	222	1,188
22-23	" " 15th " ...	22,130	4,989	87,002	618	8	5,615	253	1,188
22-23	" " 22nd " ...	13,871	3,783	24,313	468	8	4,279	193	1,188
22-23	" " 29th " ...	17,637	4,324	85,061	601	8	4,993	225	1,188
22-23	" " 6th Oct. ...	23,168	6,089	44,440	971	8	7,068	317	1,188
22-23	" " 13th " ...	20,696	5,063	47,283	1,107	8	6,174	278	1,045
22-23	" " 20th " ...	20,128	4,834	55,277	1,885	8	6,727	303	1,188
Totals up to date ...		322,834	76,705	4,24,003	10,050	124	80,879	244	18,687

* Audited figures.

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		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate
										Rs. A. P.
22-23	8 days of July ...	24,346	6,025	8,049	322	13	6,360	286	1,437	4 6 10
22-23	Week ended 15th July ...	21,805	4,702	47,285	448	10	5,250	230	1,202	4 1 1
22-23	" " 22nd " ...	22,415	5,142	13,329	346	7	5,497	247	1,188	4 10 0
22-23	" " 29th " ...	17,231	3,874	6,001	315	0	4,795	216	1,241	3 13 10
22-23	" " 5th Aug. ...	16,073	3,760	9,320	387	12	4,150	187	1,188	3 8 0
22-23	" " 12th " ...	17,357	3,900	6,081	401	4	4,374	197	1,188	3 10 11
22-23	" " 19th " ...	17,248	4,135	16,614	347	8	4,491	202	1,188	3 12 6
22-23	" " 26th " ...	16,205	3,606	7,169	324	5	4,025	181	1,188	3 6 3
22-23	" " 2nd Sept. ...	15,719	3,592	9,490	370	11	3,970	179	1,188	3 5 7
22-23	" " 9th " ...	18,830	4,305	10,251	428	7	4,530	217	1,188	4 1 0
22-23	" " 16th " ...	18,864	4,105	9,382	305	9	4,597	207	1,228	3 10 6
22-23	" " 23rd " ...	16,061	3,609	17,180	446	6	4,260	192	1,188	3 9 4
22-23	" " 30th " ...	15,764	4,317	16,331	553	9	4,879	219	1,188	4 1 1
22-23	" " 7th Oct. ...	20,719	4,791	13,176	522	16	5,393	245	1,188	4 8 6
22-23	" " 14th " ...	23,449	6,173	6,579	423	8	6,611	307	1,034	6 6 3
22-23	" " 31st " ...	18,666	4,533	6,616	291	6	4,830	217	1,034	4 10 8
Totals up to date ...		303,601	71,197	2,09,442	6,984	144	78,325	216	19,187	4 1 4

DELHI-UMBALLA-KALKA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 20th October 1900, on 162.24 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of Passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	16,344	Rs. A. P. 17,179 7 0	Mds. Rs. 1,10,084 20	Rs. A. P. 11,409 10 0	Rs. A. P. 63 0 0	Rs. A. P. 28,712 1 0	7,356	4,448	11,804
Or per mile of Railway ...	219,375*	105 14 3	17,54,053 20†	70 11 1	0 6 3	176 15 7	103,884‡	60,202‡	164,086
For previous 15 weeks of half-year.		2,00,379 4 0*		1,13,612 14 0†	1,027 0 0	3,15,019 2 0			
Total for 16 weeks ...	235,722	2,17,558 11 0	18,64,143 0	1,25,082 6 0	1,090 0 0	3,43,731 3 0	111,242	64,650	175,892
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year.	16,086	16,715 3 10	75,799 0	12,056 12 0	59 14 9	28,831 14 7	6,847‡	3,076‡	9,924
Per mile of Railway corresponding week of previous year.	...	103 0 6	...	74 5 0	0 5 11	177 11 5	...	...	...
Total for corresponding 16 weeks of previous year.	275,201‡	2,56,710 13 9	14,18,247 0	1,92,602 4 3	1,119 11 3	4,02,393 13 3	116,924	54,735	171,659

* Deducted No. of passengers 1,550 and Rs. 3,095. On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 25th August 1900.
† Added Mds. 1,81,049 and Rs. 1,600.
‡ Audited figures up to 25th August 1900.

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Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.	
		No. of Passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate
162.24*	Week ended 7th July ...	19,338	21,176	58,170	11,150	84	32,410	200	11,076	2 11 4
162.24*	" " 14th " ...	20,299	20,638	58,469	10,490	68	31,100	192	12,004	2 6 7
162.24*	" " 21st " ...	11,052	10,304	46,874	4,054	70	15,278	94	9,672	1 9 3
162.24*	" " 28th " ...	12,806	0,553	9,08,023	6,855	85	16,501	102	9,100	1 12 0
162.24*	" " 4th Aug. ...	14,501	10,672	44,541	3,454	61	14,217	88	9,023	1 9 3
162.24*	" " 11th " ...	12,967	8,444	8,09,801	6,843	42	18,399	113	10,492	1 11 1
162.24*	" " 18th " ...	13,755	10,372	1,27,687	4,870	64	15,326	94	9,297	1 10 5
162.24*	" " 25th " ...	13,442	8,600	2,44,893	5,724	69	14,287	88	8,836	1 9 10
162.24*	" " 1st Sept. ...	19,005	10,399	61,183	3,405	63	13,867	85	12,190	1 2 3
162.24*	" " 8th " ...	13,480	11,675	77,514	6,910	63	18,548	115	10,775	1 11 1
162.24*	" " 15th " ...	13,480	15,456	85,330	7,814	63	23,533	145	12,330	1 14 6
162.24*	" " 22nd " ...	12,740	12,741	74,593	7,090	64	19,304	123	11,967	1 10 7
162.24*	" " 29th " ...	15,243	16,252	87,104	9,070	64	25,386	156	11,776	2 9 6
162.24*	" " 6th Oct. ...	16,003	16,492	1,00,296	11,792	63	28,446	175	12,077	2 5 7
162.24*	" " 13th " ...	16,577	16,561	1,05,440	11,263	63	27,887	172	11,575	2 6 7
162.24*	" " 20th " ...	16,944	17,180	1,10,084	11,409	63	28,712	177	11,806	2 6 11
	Totals up to date ...	235,722	2,17,559	18,64,143	1,25,082	1,090	3,43,731	132	175,892	1 15 3

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		No. of Passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
162.24	8 days of July ...	23,211	19,776	72,881	9,176	85	29,047	179	11,955	3 6 11
162.24	Week ended 15th July ...	20,840	17,554	61,713	8,858	67	26,472	163	9,953	2 10 7
162.24	" " 22nd " ...	18,720	15,140	54,224	7,189	48	22,383	136	10,214	2 3 1
162.24	" " 29th " ...	18,030	13,789	63,995	10,639	70	24,427	151	10,117	2 6 6
162.24	" " 5th Aug. ...	17,306	13,675	94,248	9,742	63	25,480	145	9,757	2 6 6
162.24	" " 12th " ...	16,675	13,507	76,889	10,592	46	24,145	149	9,935	2 6 11
162.24	" " 19th " ...	17,407	13,744	76,077	10,932	66	24,739	153	10,352	2 6 3
162.24	" " 26th " ...	16,287	14,468	1,14,725	18,039	90	33,213	205	10,348	3 3 4
162.24	" " End Sept. ...	14,592	12,603	1,25,170	16,043	59	28,656	177	10,714	3 10 10
162.24	" " 3rd Oct. ...	16,009	13,747	1,01,258	10,045	79	23,871	147	11,318	3 1 0
162.24	" " 10th " ...	15,810	17,033	1,40,432	18,320	113	37,003	219	12,182	3 14 0
162.24	" " 17th " ...	16,609	18,747	1,07,670	12,166	73	30,260	182	10,680	3 12 3
162.24	" " 24th " ...	15,514	18,525	77,145	10,931	45	29,491	187	10,383	3 14 8
162.24	" " 31st Oct. ...	15,465	16,799	89,855	14,372	93	30,260	187	10,139	3 15 10
162.24	" " 7th Nov. ...	15,977	17,307	84,066	12,931	86	30,294	187	10,139	3 15 10
162.24	" " 14th " ...	16,936	16,718	76,799	12,057	60	28,833	177	9,924	2 14 6
	Totals up to date ...	275,203	2,56,711	14,18,247	1,92,603	1,120	4,02,393	173	171,649	2 10 1

SOUTH BEHAR RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 20th October 1900, on 78.76 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week	9,948	Rs. 5,048 10 0	Mds. 33,574 30	Rs. 2,330 3 0	Rs. 42 0 0	Rs. 7,420 13 0	1,735	1,021	2,756
Or per mile of Railway	178,440*	64 1 8	.....	39 11 2	0 8 6	94 5 4	.....	.....	.....
For previous 15 weeks of half-year	178,440*	64,021 3 0*	4,88,408 30†	33,628 9 6†	468 0 0†	1,28,112 12 0	26,072‡	12,966‡	39,038
Total for 16 weeks	188,397	90,089 13 0	5,17,283 20	35,962 12 0	510 0 0	1,35,642 9 0	26,807	13,987	40,794
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year.	9,468	4,020 13 5	46,274 30	2,730 8 9	14 0 3	7,074 13 5	1,642	684	2,326
Per mile of Railway corresponding week of previous year.	.....	52 7 8	.....	34 12 6	0 3 0	97 7 2	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 16½ weeks of previous year.	148,019‡	74,179 14 9	4,78,055 10	36,230 10 9	203 7 3	1,10,713 0 9	18,556‡	4,879‡	23,436

* Deducted No. of passengers 829 and Rs. 872 } On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 26th
 † Do. Mds. 3,351 and " 138 } August 1900.
 ‡ Audited figures up to 25th August 1900.

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Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of Railway.	Train mileage.
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No. Rate.
78-79	Week ended 7th July	13,452	6,487	37,728	2,066	32	8,875	100	2,399 5 10 1
78-79	" " 14th "	12,980	6,244	37,308	2,377	20	8,841	113	2,284 3 13 11
78-79	" " 21st "	11,683	5,432	36,670	2,335	86	7,763	96	2,284 3 0 0
78-79	" " 28th "	13,231	7,733	28,292	1,556	20	9,309	118	2,205 4 3 7
78-79	" " 4th August	10,924	5,220	31,691	2,117	15	7,352	93	2,205 3 5 4
78-79	" " 11th "	10,579	4,708	32,269	1,891	9	6,608	84	2,302 2 12 9
78-79	" " 18th "	9,540	4,348	25,420	1,810	13	6,171	78	2,757 2 9 10
78-79	" " 25th "	9,196	4,356	31,098	2,636	11	6,013	88	2,677 2 9 4
78-79	" " 1st September	9,888	5,319	30,703	2,439	45	7,823	99	2,375 3 8 9
78-79	" " 8th "	14,779	7,340	32,837	2,460	45	9,833	125	2,678 3 10 8
78-79	" " 15th "	12,865	7,067	34,213	2,109	40	9,323	117	3,071 3 0 1
78-79	" " 22nd "	12,585	7,010	37,984	2,095	45	9,150	119	3,757 3 6 1
78-79	" " 29th "	10,483	10,808	33,140	2,429	46	13,343	140	3,500 3 2 2
78-79	" " 6th October	10,806	6,741	30,552	2,135	43	8,919	113	3,750 3 3 9
78-79	" " 13th "	9,545	5,279	30,550	3,040	42	8,301	100	2,435 2 15 2
78-79	" " 20th "	9,948	5,049	33,875	2,390	42	7,430	94	2,750 2 11 2
	Totals up to date	188,397	90,079	5,17,284	35,963	510	1,35,643	107	40,794 3 5 2

* Audited figures.

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		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No. Rate.
85-90	4 days ended 8th July	1,436	417	242	28	1	441	7	300 1 3 1
79-79	Week ended 15th "	8,287	4,240	17,382	1,566	12	5,814	76	1,084 5 5 10
78-79	" " 22nd "	9,773	4,442	19,285	1,901	13	6,358	81	1,113 5 11 4
78-79	" " 29th "	8,650	3,844	15,702	1,504	10	5,368	68	1,113 4 13 0
78-79	" " 5th August	9,445	4,795	16,885	1,237	25	6,057	77	1,113 5 7 1
78-79	" " 12th "	8,160	3,824	20,547	1,496	30	5,290	67	1,113 4 12 1
78-79	" " 19th "	7,160	3,206	20,676	2,196	17	5,569	77	1,113 4 15 1
78-79	" " 26th "	8,128	3,667	26,688	2,342	17	6,026	77	1,113 5 6 6
78-79	" " 2nd September	8,075	3,121	29,751	2,816	25	7,992	101	1,113 7 3 5
78-79	" " 9th "	7,909	3,718	37,359	2,480	12	6,163	78	1,772 4 13 6
78-79	" " 16th "	10,396	4,641	47,706	3,140	17	9,657	123	2,382 4 0 9
78-79	" " 23rd "	13,607	6,790	34,414	2,913	16	11,558	147	2,220 5 3 1
78-79	" " 30th "	14,080	8,030	41,204	3,266	39	10,452	134	2,220 4 11 2
78-79	" " 7th October	12,986	7,207	37,224	3,931	41	8,595	109	2,220 3 13 9
78-79	" " 14th "	9,423	4,643	40,508	3,931	14	7,975	97	2,320 3 7 2
78-79	" " 21st "	9,468	4,921	46,274	2,740				
	Totals up to date	1,48,020	74,180	4,78,055	36,240	203	1,10,713	91	23,416 4 11 8

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 27th October 1900, on 1,837.09 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	808,007	3,08,505 13 0	45,98,007 20	8,45,683 10 0	20,410 0 0	12,35,069 7 0	105,190	189,540	294,730
Or per mile of railway ...	.....	200 10 8	.....	460 5 5	11 5 3	673 4 11	.....	.....	.....
For previous 16 weeks of half-year ...	5,064,626*	61,21,122 14 0*	7,36,07,275 10†	1,30,05,705 8 0†	3,34,377 0 0‡	1,05,51,205 6 0	1,722,955§	2,845,320§	4,568,184
Total for 17 weeks ...	5,973,533	64,90,718 11 0	7,92,01,182 20	1,30,41,390 2 0	3,55,187 0 0	2,07,80,204 13 0	1,828,045	3,034,870	4,862,915
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	805,345	3,83,081 14 6	53,31,358 10	10,09,142 3 11	32,809 13 7	14,25,034 3 0	98,090‡	198,305	297,395‡
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	.....	223 15 0	.....	540 14 7	19 2 10	833 0 5	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 17 weeks of previous year ...	5,520,809‡	59,08,428 13 3	7,41,06,971 0	1,35,40,074 15 1	4,03,714 9 4	1,90,12,218 4 8	1,630,460‡	2,910,887‡	4,547,347‡

(a) The decrease is chiefly due to heavier upwards despatch of food-grains from almost all the principal stations in the corresponding period of 1899.

* Added No. of passengers 50,530 and

Rs. 1,40,892

† Do. Mds. 4,90,686 and

Rs. 3,528

‡ Do.

Rs. 107

§ Audited figures up to 8th September 1900.

On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the weeks ended 1st and 8th September 1900.

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Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.	
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
1,836.15	Week ended 7th July†	420,005	4,08,052	47,00,058	9,26,211	21,004	14,10,727	773	209,408	Rs. A. P.
1,836.15	" " 14th "	382,035	3,78,296	49,08,181	9,21,650	22,241	13,19,806	719	207,447	4 9 6
1,837.00	" " 21st "	337,210	3,59,782	47,04,442	8,50,140	19,504	12,58,426	685	207,511	4 7 0
1,837.00	" " 28th "	344,710	3,40,133	50,89,349	9,27,060	19,376	12,92,669	704	204,959	4 3 8
1,837.00	" " 4th Aug.	302,321	4,61,785	45,10,233	8,51,984	18,857	12,92,570	704	200,438	4 7 8
1,837.00	" " 11th "	307,079	4,02,927	44,25,720	8,54,702	21,105	12,66,854	684	203,478	4 4 6
1,837.00	" " 18th "	344,267	3,69,027	46,60,273	7,51,000	19,220	11,80,247	620	205,812	3 13 11
1,837.00	" " 25th "	323,975	3,73,103	46,60,273	7,51,000	19,220	11,80,247	610	205,812	4 0 8
1,837.00	" " 1st Sept.	334,176	4,00,793	46,34,078	7,45,339	21,048	12,07,180	657	207,093	4 5 8
1,837.00	" " 8th "	410,042	4,27,736	47,53,338	8,08,030	21,048	12,07,180	648	201,731	4 5 0
1,840.48	" " 15th "	350,151	3,48,060	44,77,408	9,20,014	20,748	12,89,425	701	200,785	4 9 6
1,837.00	" " 22nd "	304,807	3,27,908	38,37,343	6,85,107	20,748	10,13,167	551	207,356	3 12 8
1,837.00	" " 29th "	300,087	4,02,474	36,52,905	6,38,794	20,748	10,13,167	578	208,357	4 1 5
1,837.00	" " 6th Oct.	348,778	3,82,430	37,20,032	6,64,854	20,601	10,07,945	581	202,953	3 12 5
1,837.00	" " 13th "	326,126	3,50,219	44,07,815	6,01,636	20,747	11,72,602	639	204,649	4 1 10
1,837.00	" " 20th "	334,167	3,80,238	54,36,805	9,63,770	21,418	13,55,426	754	200,727	4 15 0
1,837.00	" " 27th "	308,607	3,68,506	45,93,908	8,46,684	20,810	12,35,080	672	204,736	4 8 1
	Totals up to date ...	5,973,533	64,90,718	7,92,01,183	1,30,41,390	3,55,187	2,07,80,205	606	4,902,390	4 6 5

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Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.	
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
1,710.07	8 days of July	425,807	4,14,371	45,09,180	8,04,000	16,693	12,77,124	747	207,518	4 9 8
1,710.07	Week ended 15th July ...	363,619	3,51,986	42,17,629	6,97,308	13,140	10,62,403	615	204,518	4 3 1
1,710.07	" " 22nd "	346,546	3,37,013	35,12,074	6,08,241	13,085	9,85,398	560	206,052	4 1 0
1,710.07	" " 29th "	305,030	3,05,485	34,33,300	6,78,397	12,512	8,90,754	524	205,052	3 12 11
1,710.07	" " 6th Aug.	306,202	3,31,853	30,50,345	6,30,140	14,566	9,35,851	576	203,941	4 0 8
1,710.07	" " 13th "	313,033	3,01,982	37,29,186	6,43,011	13,910	9,40,659	535	204,678	3 14 1
1,710.07	Adjustments on account of previous period.	306,970	2,01,025	30,80,581	6,67,509	22,761	9,72,295	508	203,174	4 0 0
1,710.07	" " 19th Aug.	313,506	2,78,251	41,21,008	6,81,028	24,138	9,91,617	580	200,401	3 15 7
1,710.07	" " 26th Sept.	290,203	2,76,502	48,51,418	7,70,919	21,518	10,08,039	625	204,879	4 3 1
1,710.07	" " 3rd "	291,474	2,67,986	46,73,914	5,10,456	22,599	11,06,041	647	204,104	4 3 1
1,710.07	" " 10th "	316,412	3,31,326	43,47,796	5,10,456	22,599	13,04,045	704	207,638	4 5 4
1,710.07	" " 17th "	345,177	3,74,286	43,67,070	9,19,071	22,602	13,04,045	704	207,638	4 6 11
1,710.07	" " 24th "	326,546	3,33,116	62,82,761	9,51,508	19,806	13,04,480	703	206,125	4 6 11
1,710.07	" " 31st Oct.	337,448	364,039	46,70,116	9,50,735	20,452	13,54,226	789	208,330	4 6 5
1,710.07	" " 7th "	331,308	352,620	47,30,307	8,80,683	31,080	13,73,073	744	204,163	4 7 8
1,710.07	" " 14th "	303,404	342,079	46,00,587	9,03,951	24,063	13,70,696	743	202,407	4 6 0
1,710.07	" " 21st "	305,345	383,081	53,31,358	10,09,143	22,810	14,25,034	833	207,391	4 13 8
	Totals up to date ...	5,520,809	56,08,428	7,44,05,971	1,35,40,075	4,03,715	1,90,12,218	609	4,547,328	4 5 0

* Rs. 1,70,187—Added on account of rebate on coal deducted from returns from 1st July to 12th August 1899.

† " 45,686—Ditto ditto of mileage and demurrage not having been included in returns from 1st July to 12th August 1899.

‡ Audited figures.

TARKESSUR BRANCH RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 27th October 1900 on 22.23 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	TOTAL.
Total traffic for the week ...	19,532	Rs. A. P. 4,893 0 0	Mds. 40,024 30	Rs. A. P. 1,241 8 0	Rs. A. P. 8 0 0	Rs. A. P. 6,142 8 0	1,111	77	1,189
Or per mile of railway ...	882	220 1 9	1,818 10 0	55 13 7	0 5 9	276 5 1	.....	.....	.....
For previous 16 weeks of half-year	323,187*	76,579 13 0*	3,67,530 10*	9,577 15 0*	121 0 0*	84,278 13 0	17,287§	1,400§	18,687
Total for 17 weeks ...	342,769	81,472 13 0	4,16,851 0	10,819 7 0	129 0 0	92,421 4 0	18,398	1,477	19,875
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	20,007	4,250 12 1	15,693 30	727 3 0	5 0 3	5,082 15 4	1,096	92	1,188
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	.....	222 11 4	.....	32 11 4	0 5 7	256 10 3	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 17½ weeks of previous year ...	323,697†	76,147 2 7	2,25,136 0	7,711 6 0	149 15 0	84,008 7 7	18,551	1,844	20,375

* Added No. of passengers 353 and deducted
 † Deducted Mds. 56,897 and
 ‡ Ditto
 § Audited figures up to 8th September 1900.

Rs. 125 } On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the weeks ended
 472 } 1st and 8th September 1900.
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1900.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899.

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rate. Rs. A. P.
22.23	Week ended 7th July	20,128	6,939	4,631	390	7	7,045	317	1,188
22.23	" " 14th "	22,469	7,452	12,537	459	7	7,918	365	1,293
22.23	" " 21st "	19,929	4,895	9,846	441	10	5,256	238	1,188
22.23	" " 28th "	19,104	4,520	19,915	492	10	5,022	223	1,188
22.23	" " 4th Aug.	16,774	4,516	8,298	343	5	4,864	219	1,188
22.23	" " 11th "	19,867	4,700	19,074	423	6	5,194	234	1,188
22.23	" " 18th "	15,343	3,513	7,795	286	4	3,803	171	1,188
22.23	" " 25th "	15,357	3,269	8,183	376	11	3,665	164	1,188
22.23	" " 1st Sept.	16,775	3,614	8,748	350	6	3,970	179	1,188
22.23	" " 8th "	18,791	4,430	6,923	275	7	4,712	213	1,188
22.23	" " 15th "	22,130	4,689	37,992	618	8	5,015	253	1,188
22.23	" " 22nd "	13,371	3,783	34,313	485	8	4,270	192	1,188
22.23	" " 29th "	17,637	4,324	38,061	661	8	4,993	225	1,188
22.23	" " 6th Oct.	23,168	6,089	44,940	971	8	7,068	317	1,188
22.23	" " 13th "	20,696	5,063	47,283	1,107	8	6,178	278	1,045
22.23	" " 20th "	20,126	4,834	55,277	1,885	8	6,727	308	1,188
22.23	" " 27th "	19,562	4,893	40,025	1,241	8	6,142	276	1,188
	Totals up to date	342,769	81,473	4,16,851	10,819	129	92,421	245	19,875

* Audited figures.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899—concluded.

1899.

		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate. Rs. A. P.
22.23	8 days of July	24,248	6,055	8,049	322	13	6,390	290	1,437	4 6 10
22.23	Week ended 15th July	21,805	4,792	47,255	448	16	5,250	238	1,293	4 1 1
22.23	" " 22nd "	23,415	5,142	13,329	348	7	5,497	247	1,188	4 10 0
22.23	" " 29th "	17,231	3,874	8,061	915	6	4,795	216	1,241	3 13 10
22.23	" " 5th Aug.	16,072	3,760	9,330	357	12	4,159	187	1,188	3 8 0
22.23	" " 12th "	17,367	3,969	8,681	401	4	4,374	197	1,188	3 12 6
22.23	" " 19th "	17,248	4,135	16,614	347	9	4,491	202	1,188	3 6 3
22.23	" " 26th "	16,265	3,696	7,169	394	5	4,025	181	1,188	3 5 7
22.23	" " 2nd Sept.	16,719	3,592	9,400	376	11	3,979	179	1,188	4 1 1
22.23	" " 9th "	18,530	4,395	10,231	423	7	4,820	217	1,188	3 10 0
22.23	" " 16th "	18,864	4,195	9,392	363	9	4,597	207	1,258	3 9 3
22.23	" " 23rd "	16,051	3,869	17,189	446	5	4,260	192	1,188	4 1 1
22.23	" " 30th "	18,704	4,317	16,351	553	9	4,879	219	1,188	4 8 6
22.23	" " 7th Oct.	19,719	4,791	13,176	592	9	5,382	242	1,034	6 6 3
22.23	" " 14th "	23,469	6,172	9,579	423	16	6,611	297	1,034	4 10 8
22.23	" " 21st "	18,656	4,573	6,614	391	6	4,930	217	1,188	4 12 6
22.23	" " 28th "	20,077	4,950	15,684	727	6	5,683	256	1,188	4 2 0
	Totals up to date	323,695	76,147	2,25,136	7,711	150	84,008	230	20,375	4 2 0

DELHI-UMBALLA-KALKA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 27th October 1900 on 162.24 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week	14,436	Rs. A. P. 18,943 12 0	Mds. s. 1,11,182 10	Rs. A. P. 12,743 3 0	Rs. A. P. 64 0 0	Rs. A. P. 31,750 15 0	7,250	4,530	11,780
Or per mile of railway	88.5	116 12 2	681.2	78 8 9	0 6 4	195 11 3	44.7	27.7	72.4
For previous 16 weeks of half-year	236,590*	2,17,728 11 0*	22,55,260 0†	1,27,721 8 0†	1,141 0 0‡	3,46,591 3 0	110,451§	63,689§	174,140
Total for 17 weeks	250,756	2,36,673 7 0	23,66,442 10	1,40,464 11 0	1,205 0 0	3,78,342 3 0	117,701	67,219	184,920
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year	16,529	19,907 8 9	89,880 0	14,306 7 1	70 12 3	34,294 12 1	7,064	3,110‡	10,174§
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year	102.0	123 11 3	554.2	88 2 11	0 7 0	211 5 2	44.1	18.3	62.4
Total for corresponding 17½ weeks of previous year	291,590‡	2,78,618 6 6	18,08,127 0	1,06,868 11 4	1,190 7 6	4,86,677 9 4	124,578	67,244‡	191,822§

* Added number of passengers 898 and

† Do. Mds. 2,91,117

‡ Do.

§ Audited figures up to 8th September 1900.

Rs. 170

Rs. 2,639

Rs. 51

On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the weeks ended 1st and 8th September 1900.

1900.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899.

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.	
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
1899-24	Week ended 7th July	19,339	21,176	88,170	11,150	64	32,410	200	11,876	2 11 4
1899-24	" " 14th "	20,399	20,682	90,459	10,400	68	31,100	193	12,904	2 6 7
1899-24	" " 21st "	11,052	10,264	46,874	4,954	70	16,278	94	9,673	1 12 3
1899-24	" " 28th "	12,808	9,565	2,06,023	3,424	63	10,501	102	9,180	1 12 3
1899-24	" " 4th August	14,501	10,672	44,541	8,865	63	14,517	88	9,083	1 9 3
1899-24	" " 11th "	12,907	9,444	2,03,501	3,943	42	13,350	115	10,403	1 11 11
1899-24	" " 18th "	13,755	10,373	1,27,437	4,870	64	15,243	84	9,297	1 10 5
1899-24	" " 25th "	13,442	8,500	2,44,893	5,724	63	14,287	88	8,536	1 9 10
1899-24	" " 1st Sept.	13,440	9,284	3,61,569	5,545	59	16,158	94	9,114	1 10 8
1899-24	" " 8th "	14,627	12,960	1,69,245	7,109	118	20,167	124	11,236	1 13 1
1899-24	" " 15th "	13,480	15,656	85,390	7,614	63	23,533	143	12,396	1 14 6
1899-24	" " 22nd "	12,740	12,741	74,533	7,089	64	19,904	133	11,097	1 10 7
1899-24	" " 29th "	15,243	16,253	87,164	9,070	64	26,366	156	11,776	2 2 6
1899-24	" " 6th Oct.	15,043	16,492	1,00,928	11,702	62	28,346	175	12,077	2 5 7
1899-24	" " 13th "	16,377	16,601	1,06,449	11,263	63	27,897	172	11,576	2 6 7
1899-24	" " 20th "	10,314	17,180	1,10,064	11,469	63	28,712	177	11,868	2 6 11
1899-24	" " 27th "	14,436	18,944	1,11,182	12,743	64	31,751	196	11,780	2 11 3
	Totals up to date	250,756	2,36,673	23,66,442	1,40,464	1,205	3,78,342	137	148,920	2 6 9

* Audited figures.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899—concluded.

1899.

		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
1899-24	8 days of July	23,311	19,776	72,891	9,174	65	29,047	179	11,565	2 6 11
1899-24	Week ended 13th July	20,399	17,554	61,713	8,554	60	26,472	163	9,953	2 10 7
1899-24	" " 20th "	18,720	15,146	64,324	7,189	66	23,353	159	10,314	2 5 1
1899-24	" " 27th "	16,629	13,785	63,905	10,569	70	24,457	151	10,117	2 6 8
1899-24	" " 3rd August	17,505	13,676	94,245	8,743	63	26,450	145	9,767	2 6 6
1899-24	" " 10th "	16,875	13,507	70,800	10,595	46	24,145	149	9,586	2 6 11
1899-24	" " 17th "	17,447	13,744	76,077	10,832	63	24,709	153	10,358	2 6 3
1899-24	" " 24th "	16,287	14,438	1,14,723	14,959	96	26,513	205	10,568	2 3 4
1899-24	" " 31st Sept.	14,532	12,563	1,26,170	10,043	59	24,671	177	10,714	2 10 10
1899-24	" " 8th Oct.	16,009	13,747	1,01,253	10,945	79	26,655	147	11,318	2 1 9
1899-24	" " 15th "	16,810	17,083	1,40,492	16,320	112	36,465	219	12,132	2 14 9
1899-24	" " 22nd "	16,608	25,374	1,07,070	12,154	73	37,403	239	13,723	2 11 10
1899-24	" " 29th "	15,314	14,783	77,745	10,991	45	26,401	193	10,636	2 12 3
1899-24	" " 5th Oct.	15,165	14,709	89,853	14,378	95	30,200	187	10,883	2 14 5
1899-24	" " 12th "	15,077	17,307	84,998	12,931	55	30,204	187	10,139	2 15 10
1899-24	" " 19th "	16,094	16,715	75,709	12,057	60	28,436	177	9,904	2 14 6
1899-24	" " 26th "	16,389	19,907	89,880	14,807	71	34,294	211	10,774	2 11 1
	Totals up to date	291,591	2,78,618	18,08,127	20,689	1,191	4,86,678	175	1,82,423	2 10 6

SOUTH BEHAR RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 27th October 1900 on 78.76 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	10,080	Rs. A. P. 5,021 12 0	Mds. c. 32,270 20	Rs. A. P. 2,012 8 0	Rs. A. P. 41 0 0	Rs. A. P. 7,075 4 0	1,830	1,084	2,914
Or per mile of railway ...	.....	71 6 1	.....	25 8 10	0 8 4	97 7 3	.....	.....	.....
For previous 16 weeks of half-year ...	189,032*	97,939 15 0*	5,10,945 20†	35,576 12 0†	445 0 0†	1,33,901 9 0	27,096‡	14,171§	41,267
Total for 17 weeks ...	199,112	1,03,561 9 0	5,43,216 0	37,589 4 0	486 0 0	1,41,636 13 0	28,926	15,255	44,181
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	10,481	5,414 0 11	37,306 0	3,361 0	12 12 0	8,667 13 11	1,570	650	2,226
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	.....	68 11 10	.....	41 6 6	0 2 7	110 4 11	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding, 16½ weeks of previous year ...	168,800‡	70,593 15 8	5,15,261 10	30,500 11 9	300 3 3	1,19,400 14 8	20,106‡	5,535‡	25,642

* Added number of passengers 635 and deducted Rs. 1,130† On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the weeks ended 1st and 8th September 1900.
 † Deducted Mds. 6,338 and " 386
 ‡ Ditto " 65
 § Audited figures up to 8th September 1900.

1900.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899.

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.	
		Number of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
78.76	Week ended 7th July ...	18,452	6,487	37,723	2,556	33	8,576	100	2,363	Rs. A. P. 3 10 1
78.76	" " 14th " ...	12,989	6,244	37,208	2,577	20	8,841	112	2,284	3 13 11
78.76	" " 21st " ...	11,583	5,432	34,670	2,235	96	7,763	98	2,284	3 6 0
78.76	" " 28th " ...	18,231	7,743	38,292	2,556	20	9,309	118	2,205	4 3 7
78.76	" " 4th August ...	10,924	5,220	31,691	2,117	15	7,352	98	2,205	3 5 4
78.76	" " 11th " ...	10,579	4,708	32,269	1,831	9	6,608	84	2,362	3 12 9
78.76	" " 18th " ...	9,540	4,344	26,820	1,810	13	6,171	78	2,757	3 3 10
78.76	" " 25th " ...	9,130	4,256	31,693	2,048	11	6,913	88	2,077	2 9 4
78.76	" " 1st Sept. ...	9,479	4,280	24,809	2,405	12	6,697	85	2,078	3 6 0
78.76	" " 8th " ...	15,830	7,218	32,454	2,137	13	8,367	119	2,078	3 6 0
78.76	" " 15th " ...	12,803	7,007	38,318	2,109	46	8,222	117	3,071	3 0 1
78.76	" " 22nd " ...	12,585	7,010	27,944	2,095	45	8,159	116	2,757	3 5 1
78.76	" " 29th " ...	10,483	10,988	32,149	2,429	46	13,343	109	2,509	5 2 2
78.76	" " 6th Oct. ...	10,806	6,741	30,582	2,135	43	8,010	113	2,736	3 3 9
78.76	" " 13th " ...	9,545	5,279	39,559	3,040	42	8,361	108	2,835	3 15 2
78.76	" " 20th " ...	9,948	5,049	33,875	2,339	42	7,430	94	2,736	3 11 3
78.76	" " 27th " ...	10,080	5,622	32,270	2,012	41	7,675	97	2,914	3 10 3
	Totals up to date ...	199,112	1,03,562	5,43,216	37,589	486	1,41,637	106	44,181	3 8 3

* Audited figures.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899—concluded.

1899.

		Number of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
89.00	4 days ended 6th July ...	1,438	417	942	23	1	441	7	380	Rs. A. P. 1 2 1
78.79	Week ended 15th " ...	8,287	4,240	17,382	1,505	15	5,818	76	1,084	6 5 10
78.76	" " 22nd " ...	9,778	4,442	19,285	1,901	13	6,356	81	1,113	5 11 4
78.76	" " 29th " ...	8,680	3,844	15,799	1,504	10	5,358	68	1,113	4 13 0
78.76	" " 5th August ...	9,445	4,795	19,936	1,237	25	6,057	77	1,113	5 7 1
78.76	" " 12th " ...	8,190	3,824	20,547	1,439	30	5,293	67	1,113	4 12 1
78.76	" " 19th " ...	7,169	3,290	20,070	2,198	17	5,603	70	1,113	4 16 1
78.76	" " 26th " ...	8,128	3,067	36,086	2,542	17	6,025	77	1,113	5 6 3
78.76	" " 2nd Sept. ...	8,075	5,131	39,781	2,516	25	7,968	101	1,113	7 3 5
78.76	" " 9th " ...	7,999	3,718	37,369	2,420	25	6,163	78	1,278	4 13 6
78.76	" " 16th " ...	10,686	4,041	47,760	2,140	12	7,899	99	1,590	4 16 6
78.76	" " 23rd " ...	13,607	6,780	34,414	2,600	17	9,657	123	2,385	4 0 9
78.76	" " 30th " ...	14,069	8,630	41,204	3,013	15	11,558	147	2,226	5 3 1
78.76	" " 7th Oct. ...	12,986	7,207	37,324	3,203	39	10,462	138	2,226	4 11 2
78.76	" " 14th " ...	9,422	4,043	40,508	3,031	21	8,595	109	2,226	3 13 9
78.76	" " 21st " ...	8,408	4,021	46,274	2,740	14	7,075	97	2,226	3 7 2
78.76	" " 28th " ...	10,431	6,419	37,306	3,201	13	8,088	110	2,226	3 14 5
	Totals up to date ...	169,501	70,594	5,15,261	39,501	306	1,19,401	92	25,643	4 10 6

EASTERN BENGAL STATE RAILWAY.

(INCLUDING N. B., K. D., DACCA, AND ASSAM-BEHAR SECTIONS.)

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 3rd November 1900, on 843 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (including ferry).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	239,450	Rs. A. P. 1,32,290 0 0	Mds. s. 11,63,240 0	Rs. A. P. 2,78,200 0 0	Rs. A. P. 14,160 0 0	Rs. A. P. 4,24,650 0 0	36,432	52,113	97,545
Or per mile of railway ...	284	157 0 0	1,389 0	330 0 0	1 0 0*	498 0 0*	...	...	...
For previous 17 weeks of half-year† ...	3,570,206	16,69,034 0 0	1,96,53,017 0	30,90,000 0 0	1,06,127 0 0	59,64,221 0 0	586,760	781,105	1,367,865
Total for 18 weeks ...	3,809,716	18,01,324 0 0	2,08,16,257 0	42,74,260 0 0	1,13,287 0 0	63,88,671 0 0	622,192	833,278	1,455,470
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	186,136	1,06,831 0 0	11,43,244 0	2,63,708 0 0	16,829 0 0	3,37,368 0 0	36,096	48,249	84,345
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	223	128 0 0	1,371 0	316 0 0	1 0 0	445 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	3,647,622	16,96,061 0 0	1,97,37,803 0	40,61,308 0 0	1,13,080 0 0	60,82,440 0 0	645,247	781,469	1,426,716

* Excluding steamer earnings.

† Audited up to 1st September 1900.

Increase in passenger traffic is due to Pinjrapole Mela at Saidpur.

DACCA STATE RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 3rd November 1900, on 86 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	30,970	Rs. A. P. 10,080 0 0	Mds. s. 74,080 0	Rs. A. P. 8,000 0 0	Rs. A. P. 100 0 0	Rs. A. P. 18,180 0 0	2,530	3,472	6,002
Or per mile of Railway ...	360	117 0 0	868 0	93 0 0	1 0 0	211 0 0	...	...	...
For previous 17 weeks of half-year* ...	418,047	1,32,200 0 0	7,41,476 0	62,468 0 0	7,495 0 0	2,03,192 0 0	42,680	51,575	74,555
Total for 18 weeks ...	449,017	1,42,280 0 0	8,16,136 0	70,488 0 0	7,595 0 0	2,31,352 0 0	45,210	55,350	80,560
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	21,473	7,404 0 0	77,663 0	8,190 0 0	65 0 0	15,659 0 0	2,568	3,333	5,901
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	250	86 0 0	903 0	95 0 0	1 0 0	182 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	421,668	1,30,504 0 0	7,02,371 0	66,648 0 0	10,094 0 0	2,07,246 0 0	40,640	52,906	82,456

* Audited up to 1st September 1900.

COOCH BEHAR STATE RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 3rd November 1900, on 33·73 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (including ferry).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	2,090	Rs. A. P. 1,020 0 0	Mds. s. 8,060 0	Rs. A. P. 620 0 0	Rs. A. P. 60 0 0	Rs. A. P. 1,700 0 0	360	459	719
Or per mile of railway ...	62	30 0 0	239 0	19 0 0	...	49 0 0*	...	...	...
For previous 17 weeks of half-year† ...	36,329	14,304 0 0	1,14,251 0	14,056 0 0	1,874 0 0	30,234 0 0	4,804	13,167	18,021
Total for 18 weeks ...	38,419	15,324 0 0	1,22,511 0	14,676 0 0	1,934 0 0	31,934 0 0	5,124	13,616	18,740
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	2,763	969 0 0	12,722 0	1,025 0 0	180 0 0	2,164 0 0	330	772	1,102
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	83	29 0 0	383 0	31 0 0	...	60 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	37,530	12,364 0 0	1,47,226 0	13,821 0 0	2,204 0 0	28,339 0 0	6,167	15,717	21,904

* Excluding ferry earnings.

† Audited up to 1st September 1900.

MYMENSINGH-JAGANNATHGANJ RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 3rd November 1900, on 53.37 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	10,510	2,840 0 0	26,300 0	2,080 0 0	20 0 0	2,940 0 0	1,140	715	1,855
Or per mile of railway ...	197	53 0 0	493 0	39 0 0	1 0 0	93 0 0	...	...	...
For previous 17 weeks of half-year ...	148,305	35,490 0 0	2,30,311 0	25,392 0 0	603 0 0	61,485 0 0	18,098	8,654	26,752
Total for 18 weeks ...	158,875	38,330 0 0	2,56,611 0	27,472 0 0	623 0 0	62,425 0 0	19,238	9,369	28,607
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	4,370	987 0 0	10,923 0	522 0 0	13 0 0	1,495 0 0	690	284	974
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	79	18 0 0	202 0	10 0 0	.....	28 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	66,427	16,147 0 0	77,187 0	2,778 0 0	110 0 0	19,035 0 0	11,419	7,713	19,132

* Audited up to 1st September 1900.

BRAHMAPUTRA-SULTANPUR RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 3rd November 1900, on 59 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	6,620	2,160 0 0	23,190 0	2,350 0 0	40 0 0	4,550 0 0	1,580	754	2,334
Or per mile of railway ...	111	36 0 0	393 0	40 0 0	1 0 0	77 0 0	...	...	...
For previous 17 weeks of half-year ...	76,977	20,740 0 0	2,14,410 0	24,667 0 0	4,188 0 0	59,604 0 0	15,017	15,008	30,025
Total for 18 weeks ...	82,497	22,900 0 0	2,37,600 0	27,017 0 0	4,228 0 0	64,154 0 0	16,597	16,762	33,359
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	1,470	448 0 0	9,913 0	634 0 0	6 0 0	1,102 0 0	184	471	655
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	29	18 0 0	401 0	26 0 0	.....	44 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	27,761	8,013 0 0	1,26,805 0	6,375 0 0	144 0 0	14,561 0 0	3,688	11,817	15,505

* Audited up to 1st September 1900.

BENGAL CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY, "LIMITED."

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 27th October 1900, on 139 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	29,758	14,485 0 0	1,44,336 0	20,033 0 0	96 0 0	34,554 0 0	4,550	5,061	9,611
Or per mile of railway ...	229	111 0 0	1,038 0	144 0 0	1 0 0	256 0 0	...	...	...
For previous 16 weeks of half-year ...	496,008	1,87,560 0 0	19,98,039 0	2,36,767 0 0	19,434 0 0	4,42,761 0 0	61,121	77,147	138,268
Total for 17 weeks ...	525,766	2,01,965 0 0	21,30,375 0	2,55,900 0 0	19,530 0 0	4,77,515 0 0	65,671	82,228	147,899
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	25,879	11,566 0 0	86,376 0	2,257 0 0	4,008 0 0	24,491 0 0	4,653	3,892	8,545
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	176	80 0 0	636 0	60 0 0	25 0 0	183 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	543,345	2,11,028 0 0	14,85,000 0	1,61,220 0 0	17,716 0 0	3,90,064 0 0	79,361	68,149	147,510

* Audited up to week ending 15th September 1900
† Coaching traffic calculated on 139 miles only.

BENGAL CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY, "LIMITED."

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 3rd November 1900, on 139 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	80,860	16,996 0 0	1,47,865 0	17,215 0 0	129 0 0	34,340 0 0	4,126	4,948	9,074
Or per mile of railway ...	582	131 0 0†	1,060 0	124 0 0	1 0 0	256 0 0	...	...	...
For previous 17 weeks of half-year ...	524,660	2,01,867 0 0	21,32,923 0	2,54,513 0 0	19,516 0 0	4,75,036 0 0	65,647	82,206	147,853
Total for 18 weeks ...	605,520	2,18,863 0 0	22,80,288 0	2,71,728 0 0	19,645 0 0	5,09,976 0 0	69,773	87,154	156,927
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	83,885	13,163 0 0	80,343 0	8,303 0 0	140 0 0	21,606 0 0	4,667	2,778	7,445
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	261	101 0 0	578 0	60 0 0	1 0 0	162 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	577,130	2,24,101 0 0	18,05,948 0	1,69,623 0 0	17,956 0 0	4,11,070 0 0	64,828	70,927	135,755

* Audited up to week ending 22nd September 1900.

† Coaching traffic calculated on 130 miles only.

BENGAL AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ending 3rd November 1900, on (a) 1,131 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated), including steam-boat.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			
Total traffic for the week on (a) 1,131 miles open ...	161,790	(b) 73,200	8,61,150	(c) 48,030	(b) 13,700	(b) 1,34,930	32,662	(d) 31,730	64,392
Or per mile of railway ...	143'05	64'72	319'32	42'47	12'11	119'80	...	...	...
For previous 17 weeks of half-year ...	2,404,870	8,90,213	81,35,344	7,89,008	1,85,075	18,04,293	533,954	424,803	958,757
Total for 18 weeks ...	2,566,660	9,03,412	84,06,494	8,37,038	1,96,773	19,99,223	566,616	456,533	1,023,149
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year on 1,085 miles open ...	103,777	45,330	5,25,474	71,708	8,768	1,25,041	25,693	(e) 25,380	51,073
Per mile of corresponding week of previous year ...	95'05	41'60	481'31	66'00	8'02	115'80	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	2,510,310	8,62,225	1,11,75,128	11,90,053	2,45,697	22,87,875	465,845	493,063	958,907

(a) 44'11 miles of the Hajipur-Katihar extensions re-opened for coaching and goods traffic on and from 2nd November 1900. The average mileage of the week is shown in this return.

(b) Increase under coaching and other earnings is due to Sonapur and Ajodhya melas.

(c) Decrease under goods is due to the traffic last year being abnormal.

(d) Includes 2,924 miles of ballast trains run on open line.

(e) " 6,720 " " "

SEGOWILLIE-BAKSAUL BRANCH RAILWAY.

(WORKED BY THE B. & N.-W. RAILWAY.)

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ending 3rd November 1900, on 18 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Passengers carried.	Receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
	No.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			
Total traffic for the week on 18 miles open ...	1,416	204	7,896	235	6	445	158	112	270
Or per mile of railway ...	78'07	11'23	438'67	13'03	0'33	24'72	...	...	...
For previous 17 weeks of half-year ...	14,144	2,301	69,351	2,148	60	4,415	2,307	697	2,994
Total for 18 weeks ...	15,560	2,495	77,247	2,383	73	4,860	2,465	809	3,274
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year on 18 miles open ...	641	121	16,852	360	3	464	133	119	252
Per mile of corresponding week of previous year ...	35'61	6'18	936'22	19'44	0'15	25'77	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	1,310	301	28,654	765	77	1,173	266	188	454

SEGOWLIE-RAKSAUL BRANCH RAILWAY.

(WORKED BY THE B. & N.-W. RAILWAY.)

Audited Return of Traffic for week ending 22nd September 1900, on 18 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Passengers carried.	Receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
	No.	Rs. A. P.	Mds.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week on 18 miles open	1,580	237 14 7	5,344	154 1 0	5 1 0	337 0 7	214	38	252
Or per mile of railway	87.78	13 3 6	291.33	8 5 11	0 4 6	22 0 11			
For previous 11 weeks of half-year	6,634	1,050 5 6	33,089	1,121 8 6	40 6 0	2,312 4 0	1,432	368	1,800
Total for 12 weeks	8,114	1,288 4 1	39,333	1,275 9 6	45 7 0	2,609 4 7	1,646	406	2,052
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year on 18 miles open	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total to corresponding date of previous year	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

ASSAM-BENGAL RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 27th October 1900, on 397 miles open for all descriptions of Traffic, and an additional 39 miles for goods and parcels traffic only.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week	32,379	21,251 0 0	2,03,250 0	15,666 0 0	1,584 0 0	38,501 0 0	5,350	7,596	10,955
Or per mile of railway	81.56	53.53	466.17	39.93	3.93	93.99	8.46	17.42	25.88
For previous 16 weeks of half-year	403,126	2,33,676 0 0	35,27,748 0	2,07,878 0 0	13,115 0 0	4,66,069 0 0	51,750	133,967	185,647
Total for 17 weeks	435,505	2,56,927 0 0	37,30,998 0	2,23,544 0 0	14,639 0 0	4,95,170 0 0	55,139	141,463	190,602
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year	35,644	10,877 0 0	2,02,063 0	13,260 0 0	3,732 0 0	33,869 0 0	3,285	7,674	10,955
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year	68.02	44.77	520.78	34.15	9.09	89.54	8.71	19.78	28.49
Total to corresponding date of previous year	370,307	2,27,204 0 0	41,22,146 0	2,25,198 0 0	14,101 0 0	4,60,551 0 0	55,208	131,250	189,458

* Includes audited figures for week ended 8th September 1900.

FINANCIAL YEAR.

Approximate Statement of Gross Receipts of the Assam-Bengal Railway.

RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING 27TH OCTOBER 1900.			RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING 28TH OCTOBER 1899.			TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 1ST APRIL 1900 TO 27TH OCTOBER 1900.			TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 1ST APRIL 1899 TO 28TH OCTOBER 1899.			Total increase in 1900.	Total decrease in 1900.
Mean mileage worked.	Receipts.	Per mile worked.	Mean mileage worked.	Receipts.	Per mile worked.	Mean mileage worked.	Total receipts.	Per mile worked per week.	Mean mileage worked.	Total receipts.	Per mile worked per week.		
406	Rs. 33,501	Rs. 93.09	388	Rs. 33,850	Rs. 88.54	430	Rs. 6,93,115	.....	368	Rs. 8,50,564	.....	Rs. 42,551	Rs.

DARJEELING-HIMALAYAN RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

		Rs. A. P.
Approximate earnings for the week ending 3rd November 1900	...	11,994 0 0
Ditto for the corresponding period of 1899	...	9,961 0 0
Increase	...	2,033 0 0
Receipts per mile for the week ending 3rd November 1900	...	235 2 10
Ditto for the corresponding period of 1899	...	195 5 0
Increase	...	39 13 10
Receipts from 1st July to 3rd November 1900	...	2,23,185 0 0
Ditto for the corresponding period of 1899	...	2,13,190 0 0
Increase	...	9,995 0 0

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WEATHER AND CROP REPORT.

For the week ending the 19th November 1900.

Burdwan.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Sowing of *rabi* continues. Condition of standing crops good. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice selling as follows:—

	Srs.
Sadar	12
Kalna	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Katwa	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Raniganj	13

} per rupee.

Birbhum.—No rain. Weather fair. *Aus* being harvested. *Rabi* crops being sown. Standing crops doing well. Price of rice at Sadar 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ seers and at Rampur Hat 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ seers per rupee. Fodder sufficient.

Bankura.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Cultivation of *rabi* continues. Fodder and water sufficient. No cattle-disease reported. Price of coarse rice (new) at Bankura 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ seers and at Vishnupur 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ seers per rupee.

Midnapore.—No rain. Fodder scanty in Contai and Tamluk. Paddy good except in flooded tracts. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.
Sadar	14
Contai	12
Tamluk	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ghatal	13

} per rupee.

Hooghly.—No rain. Sowing of *rabi* and cultivation of potato continue. Rain wanted badly in many places for *aman*. Common rice sells at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ seers per rupee.

Howrah.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Standing crops doing well. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ seers per rupee.

24-Parganas.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops not good. Rain is wanted in Barasat and Basirhat subdivisions and the damage caused by the floods is extensive. Ploughing and sowing of *rabi* crops still continues. Fodder insufficient in Basirhat. Water sufficient. No cattle-disease. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	10	} per rupee.
Barasat	10	
Basirhat	10½	
Diamond Harbour	11	

Nadia.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops generally good, but rain is needed. Fodder and water sufficient. Price of common rice stationary.

Murshidabad.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of *aman* commenced. Sowing of *rabi* crops going on. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	12½	} per rupee.
Lalbagh	14	
Kandi	15	
Jangipur	15	

Jessore.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops good and those of *aman* not favourable. Sowing of *rabi* crops going on. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	14	} per rupee.
Jhenida	15	
Magura	13½	
Narail	13	
Bangaon	12½	

Khulna.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Damage to low land paddy reported from Satkhira, otherwise prospect favourable. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	13	} per rupee.
Bagerhat	12½	
Satkhira	11	

Rajshahi.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops fair. Sowing and ploughing of *rabi* crops continues. Harvesting of *aman* paddy commenced in places. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water-supply ample. Common rice sells at 14½ seers a rupee.

Dinajpur.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Cultivation of *rabi* going on. Bad reports of *aman* crop from south of district. No cattle-disease. Water and fodder plentiful. Rice selling at Sadar 16 seers and at Thakurgaon 13 seers per rupee.

Jalpaiguri.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospect of *haimanti* paddy not satisfactory. Transplantation of tobacco going on. Common rice sells at 13 seers a rupee. Fodder and water sufficient.

Darjeeling.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. *Bara marua*, *aman dhan*, *kalai*, being harvested. *Phapori*, *tori* progressing. Ploughing and sowing of mustard, tobacco, potato going on. Coarse rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Hills	9	} per rupee.
Terai	14	

Bhutta sells at Darjeeling 22 seers and at Kalimpong 28 seers per rupee.

Rangpur.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Rain wanted urgently. Condition of *aman* paddy tolerable. Lands are being prepared for *rabi* crop. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.	
Sadar	11½	} per rupee.
Gaibanda	12	
Kurigram	10	
Nilphamari	13	

Bogra.—No rain. Sowing of *rabi* crops commenced. Prospects of *aman* moderate. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells at 13½ seers per rupee.

Pabna.—Rainfall at Sadar nil. Weather cool. Prospects of crops good. Prices unchanged.

Dacca.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops fair. Fodder available. No cattle-disease. Common rice 12 seers per rupee.

Mymensingh.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops fair, but rain is wanted for *rabi* crops. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.
Sadar	11
Jamalpur	9½
Kishoreganj	10½
Tangail	11½
Netrokona	13½

} per rupee.

Faridpur.—No rain. Weather cool. State and prospects of crops continue fair. Common rice sells at 12 seers a rupee.

Backergunge.—Rainfall at Sadar nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops good. Common rice sells at 12 seers (*aman*) and 14 seers (*aus*) per rupee.

Tippera.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of *aman* on high lands not favourable. *Rabi* sowings continue. Water and fodder sufficient. Common rice averages 12 seers 6 chitaks per rupee.

Noakhali.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Crop Prospects good. Fodder and water sufficient. Prices unchanged.

Chittagong.—No rain. Prospect of *aman* crop not very good owing to insufficient rain. Water and fodder sufficient. Common rice 12½ seers per rupee.

Patna.—Rainfall nil. Prospects of standing paddy crops good. Sowing of *rabi* in progress. Harvesting of early paddy and pressing of sugarcane going on. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice in Patna sells at 15 seers a rupee.

Gaya.—Rainfall nil. Paddy doing well. *Rabi* going on. Sugarcane pressing commenced. Common rice selling at 13 seers per rupee.

Shahabad.—No rain. Weather cloudy at times. Harvesting of paddy and sowing of *rabi* crops still continue. Opium sowing nearly finished. Standing crops generally good. Fodder and water sufficient. Rice selling at Sadar 12 seers per rupee.

Saran.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. *Rabi* doing well. Paddy ripening. Poppy being sown. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice 15 seers and *makai* 22½ seers per rupee.

Champaran.—Rainfall nil. Weather fine and cool. Prospects of standing crops good. *Rabi* and poppy sowing in progress. Fodder and water sufficient. Prices of common rice and maize at Sadar are 16 and 27 seers per rupee respectively.

Muzaffarpur.—Rainfall nil. Prospects good. *Rabi* sowing in progress. Prices are—Common rice 15 seers, wheat 13 seers, barley 19 seers, maize 24 seers, gram 15 seers, and *marua* 25 seers a rupee.

Darbhanga.—Rainfall nil. Prospects of standing crops good. Sowing of *rabi* in progress. Fodder and water sufficient. No cattle-disease reported. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.
Sadar	16½
Samastipur	14
Madhubani	15½

} per rupee.

Monghyr.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of paddy commenced. *Rabi* sowing nearly finished. Pressing of sugarcane continues. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.
Monghyr	14½
Begusarai	Report not received.
Jamui	12½

} per rupee.

Bhagalpur.—Weather seasonable, but hot during the day. Prospects of paddy crop favourable. Harvesting of winter *kartica* rice begun. *Rabi* sowing is in progress. Cattle-disease reported from Supaul. Fodder and water sufficient. Prices are falling.

Purnea.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Preparation of lands for *rabi* crops is in progress. Sowing of *rabi* crops and potatoes going on. Prospects of standing crops good. No cattle-disease reported. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

	Srs.
Sadar	15
Krishnaganj	14
Araria	17

} per rupee.

Malda.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospect of winter rice good. Sowing of *rabi* crops going on. Cattle-disease reported from Nawabganj thana. Price of rice stationary. Fodder and water sufficient.

Sonthal Parganas.—No rain. Harvesting of winter rice continues. *Rabi* crops being sown. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient. Price of rice 13½ seers and of maize 22½ seers per rupee.

Cattack.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. *Laghu sarad* and sugarcane being harvested. *Guru sarad* in ears. *Rabi* and *dalu* growing. Condition of cattle good. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

			Srs. ch.	
Sadar	14 7	} per rupee.
Jajpur	...	...	15 12
Kendrapara	...	...	19 11
Banki	...	...	16 12

Balasore.—Rain at Sadar nil. *Sarad* in ears; *kandha* ripening; *beali* is being reaped. *Rabi* crops doing well. Cotton is being gathered. Sugarcane cutting commenced. Irrigation continues for want of rain. Rice sells at 16½, 14½ and 16 seers per rupee in interior, Balasore and Bhadrak, respectively. Fodder sufficient.

Angul.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of early paddy in progress. Prospects of standing crops good. Average price of common rice in Angul 20 seers and in Khondmals 12 seers (new) and 10½ seers (old) per rupee. Cattle-disease prevails in certain villages. Number of persons daily on relief work in Khondmals—Men 247, women 441½, and children 154. Fodder and water sufficient.

Puri.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. *Laghu* paddy ripening and being harvested. *Bara sarad* in ears. *Biri* being harvested. *Kutthi* and other miscellaneous crop growing well. Pressing of sugarcane going on. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle-disease reported from one part of Khurda subdivision. Common rice sells as follows:—

			Srs. ch.	
Sadar	...	...	(old) 14 7	} per rupee.
Khurda	...	...	(new) 18 6	
	...	...	(old) 14 7	
Interior of district	...	...	(new) 17 10	
			(old) 14 8	

Hazaribagh.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells at Sadar 14 to 17 seers and at Giridi 14 seers per rupee. Harvesting of winter paddy commenced; good outturn expected.

Ranchi.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of paddy in full swing. Rice sells 15½ seers in Ranchi and 22½ seers in the interior per rupee. No cattle-disease reported. Fodder and water sufficient.

Palaman.—No rain. Weather seasonable. *Rabi* sowing still going on. Paddy being harvested. Prospect good. Rice selling at Sadar 15 seers per rupee.

Manbhum.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops on ground good. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle-disease reported from thanas Purulia, Gobindpur and Topchanchi. Average price of common rice at Sadar 13 seers 14 chitaks and at Gobindpur 13 seers per rupee. Supply sufficient.

Singbhum.—No rain. Prospects unchanged. Average price of rice is 18 seers 12 chitaks in the district; at Chaibassa 16 seers.

General Summary.—The weather during the week has been rainless everywhere throughout the Province. Certain crops in some districts are said to be not doing well owing to insufficient rain. Prospects of crops generally good except in flooded tracts of Midnapore and 24-Parganas. Sowing of *rabi* still going on. Harvesting of paddy and pressing of sugarcane commenced in a few districts. The sowing of poppy is in progress in Saran and Champaran, but it is nearly finished in Shahabad. Cases of cattle-disease reported from Bhagalpur, Malda, Angul and Manbhum. Supply of fodder is said to be scanty in Contai, Tamluk and Basirhat. Prices of common rice stationary in most of the districts.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

F. A. SLACKE,

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

The 20th November 1900.

PRICES-CURRENT (*RETAIL*) OF FOOD-GRAINS AND SALT

IN THE

HEAD-QUARTERS STATION BAZARS OF THE DISTRICTS OF BENGAL
DURING THE FORTNIGHT ENDING THE 15TH NOVEMBER 1900.

PRICES-CURRENT (retail) of Food-grains and Salt in the Head.

Number.	DISTRICTS.	QUANTITIES PER RUPEE IN											
		WHEAT.			BARLEY.			RICE, COMMON.			JOWAR OR CHOLU. (Sorghum Vulgare.)		
		Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
	BENGAL.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.
BURDWAN DIVISION.	1 Burdwan	11 12	11 12	12 0	...	...	...	12 8	12 0	14 8	...	...	...
	2 Birbhum	12 0	12 0	13 4	...	...	...	12 0	12 12	15 0	...	...	...
	3 Bankura	10 0	10 0	10 0	...	...	...	13 12	13 12	16 0	...	...	...
	4 Midnapore	9 0 to 9 8	9 8	13 0	...	...	...	13 0	12 0	16 0	...	...	...
	5 Hoogh'y	10 0	10 0	10 0	...	...	...	10 7	10 4	12 8	...	...	...
	6 Howrah	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 0	10 8	13 0	...	...	...
PRESIDENT DIVISION.	7 24-Parganas	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 4	10 5	13 0	...	...	...
	8 Calcutta	10 0	10 0	9 6	16 0	15 0	13 0	10 0	10 0	11 6	...	...	...
	9 Nadia	13 5	13 1	...	...	...	22 13	11 0	10 10	12 13	...	...	...
	10 Murshidabad	14 0	13 0	16 0	22 0	20 0	22 0	14 6	13 4	18 0	...	...	...
	11 Jessore	9 0	9 0	9 0	12 0	10 0	12 0	14 4	13 4	16 0	...	...	...
	12 Khulna	...	...	...	...	...	...	13 0	13 0	16 0	...	...	...
RAJSHAH DIVISION.	13 Rajshahi	15 0	14 4	15 0	24 0	22 8	23 4	14 4	15 0	18 0	...	...	...
	14 Dinajpur	11 8	11 4	9 9½	27 0	...	13 5	14-6-2	14-6-2	18 0	...	...	...
	15 Jalpaiguri	10 0	10 0	10 0	...	...	...	12 8	13 0	13 8	...	...	...
	16 Darjeeling	7 0	7 0	7 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	12 0	12 0	11 0	...	...	...
	17 Rangpur	12 0	12 0	11 0	...	...	...	10 0	10 0	15 0	...	...	...
	18 Bogra	9 12	9 12	8 4	...	...	...	12 12	12 12	13 12	...	...	...
DACCA DIVISION.	19 Pabna	14 4	13 14	16 8	27 0	27 0	35 0	14 4	14 4	17 10	...	...	...
	20 Dacca	10 0	10 0	9 2	16 0	16 0	32 0	12 0	12 0	13 0	...	...	...
	21 Mymensingh	8 0	8 0	10 0	16 0	16 0	...	13 0	13 0	16 0	...	...	...
	22 Faridpur	13 0	13 4	20 0	16 0	16 0	35 0	12 7	12 0	16 0	...	...	...
	23 Backergunge	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 0 13 0	12 0 13 8	12 12	...	...	...

- A. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Kalna 10 seers 10 chittaks (panga) and 12 seers (karkatch).
- B. At Rampur Hat the retail price of salt is 10 seers 7 chittaks per rupee.
- C. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Contal 10 seers; Tamluk 10 seers; Ghatal 11½ seers.
- D. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Serampore 10½ seers; Arambagh 10 seers 10 chittaks.
- E. At Ulubaria the retail price of salt is 10 seers 10½ chittaks per rupee.
- F. In the marts in the interior of the district the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Chetla 10 seers 10 chittaks; Barasat 11 seers; Baduria 10 seers 11 chittaks; Magrahat 9 seers 2 chittaks.
- G. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Kushtia 10 seers (panga); Chuadanga 13½ seers (panga); Meherpur 10 seers (karkatch); Ranaghat 11½ seers (crushed).
- H. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are:—Lalbagh 11 seers (karkatch); Kandi 11 seers; Jangipur return not received.

OF 80 TOLARS.

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KANGNI OR KAKUN, ITALIAN MILLET. (<i>Setaria Italica</i> .)			GRAM, CHARA, CHHOLA, KADALA OR SUNAGAL (<i>Occea arundinacea</i> .)		
Present return.	Next preceding turn.	Corresponding turn of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding turn.	Corresponding turn of last year.
S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.
...	13 0	13 0	13
...	13 0	13 0	13
...	11 8	11 8	12
...	12 0	11 0	12
...	12 0	11 0	12
...	11 8	12 0	16
...	12 4	12 9	14
...	10 0	10 0	11 13	10 0	11
...	15 3	14 8	16 1
...	18 0	15 0	20
...	14 0	13 4	12 1
...	10 0	10 0	11 1
...	15 0	15 0	18 0
...	13 0	13 0	14 4
...	13 0	13 0	13 4
...	9 0	10 0	9 0
...	12 0	12 0	11 0
...	12 0	12 0	12 0
...	12 0	12 0	16 0
...	10 8	10 8	11 8
...	8 2	8 2	9 0
...	11 0	9 12	23 0 (unhusked)
...	11 0	9 0	9 0

quarters Station Bazaar of the Districts of Bengal on the 15th November 1900.

INDIAN-CORN OR MAIZE. (Zea munda.)			ARHAR OR TUR, CADJAN PEA. (Cajanus Indicus.)			SALT.			WHOLESALE PRICES PER MAUND OF 40 SEERS.			DISTRICTS.	Number.
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.		
S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	BENGAL.	
...	7 4	7 4	10 0	A	11 5	11 5	Crushed.	8 4	8 4	Burdwan.	1
...	8 0	8 0	9 0	B	10 8	10 8	Karkatch.	8 10	8 10	Birbhum.	2
...	8 8	9 0	10 0	C	10 2	10 0	Panga.	4 0	4 0	Bankura.	3
...	8 0	8 0	8 0	D	10 12	10 12	Panga.	3 9	3 8	Midnapore.	4
...	8 0	8 0	8 0	E	10 0	10 0	Crushed.	8 12	8 12	Hooghly.	5
...	8 0	8 0	11 4	F	10 10	10 10	Panga.	3 8	3 8	Howrah.	6
...	9 6	9 0	9 0	G	10 10	10 10	Panga.	3 6	3 6	24-Pargannas.	7
17 12	12 12	12 4	8 14	8 6	9 0	H	11 0	11 0	Panga.	3 6	3 5	Calcutta.	8
...	8 6	8 6	10 10	I	11 12	11 12	Panga.	3 6	3 8	Nadia.	9
...	8 8	9 0	11 0	J	11 0	11 0	Karkatch.	3 7	3 6	Murshidabad.	10
...	13 8	10 0	...	K	10 0	10 0	Panga.	3 14	3 12	Jessore.	11
...	9 0	9 0	10 0	L	10 0	10 0	Panga.	3 12	3 12	Khulna.	12
...	13 8	14 4	17 4	M	9 12	9 12	Panga.	3 12	3 13	Rajahm.	13
...	9 9	9 9	6 0	N	10 12	11 4	Panga.	3 10	4 0	Dinajpur.	14
...	9 8	9 8	9 0	O	10 0	10 0	Panga.	3 11	3 10	Jalpaiguri.	15
22 0	23 0	20 0	5 0	6 0	6 8	P	8 8	8 0	Rora.	4 11	5 0	Darjeeling.	16
18 0	13 0	18 0	7 0	7 8	8 0	Q	9 0	9 4	Panga.	3 12	4 0	Rangpur.	17
...	9 12	9 12	...	R	10 2	10 2	Panga.	3 13	4 0	Bogra.	18
...	7 8	7 8	9 0	S	9 12	9 12	Panga.	3 13	3 14	Pabna.	19
...	8 0	8 0	10 0	T	10 0	10 0	Panga.	3 9	3 8	Dacca.	20
...	6 8	6 8	8 0	U	10 0	10 0	Panga.	4 0	4 0	Mymensingh.	21
...	7 2	8 0	8 0	V	9 12	10 0	Panga.	4 0	3 10	Faridpur.	22
...	W	10 0	10 0	Panga.	3 11	3 10	Backergunge.	23

1. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Jhenida 10 seers; Magura 9½ seers; Narail 10 seers; Bargaon 10 seers 10 chitaks.
- J. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Bagerhat 9 seers; Satkhira 11 seers.
- K. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Nator 10½ seers; Naugaon 9 seers 10 chitaks.
- L. In the Alipur Duars the retail price of salt is 8 seers per rupee.
- LI. The retail price of salt at Kurseong 8 seers and at Siliguri 10 seers per rupee.
- M. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Gaibanda return not received; Kurigram 8 seers; Nilphamari 10 seers.
- N. At Sirajganj the retail price of salt is 10 seers 10 chitaks per rupee.
- O. In the marts in the interior of the district the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Madanganj 11 seers 6 chitaks; Manikganj 9 seers; Mirkadim 11 seers 6 chitaks.
- P. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Kishorganj 10 seers; Jamalpur 9 seers 2 chitaks; Tangail (Kagmari) 8 seers; Netrokona 9 seers.
- Q. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Goalundo 10 seers; Madaripur 10½ seers (crushed).
- R. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Firojpur return not received; Patuakhali 9 seers; Bhola 9 seers.

PRICES-CURRENT (retail) of Food-grains and Salt in the Head-quarters

Number		DISTRICTS.	QUANTITIES PER RUPEE IN											
			WHEAT.			BARLEY.			RICE, COMMON.			JOWAR OR CHOLU (Sorghum Vulgare).		
			Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
BENGAL—concluded.			S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	
CHITTAGONG DIVISION.	24	Tippera	...	...	...	...	...	10 11	10 11	14 9	...	...	...
	25	Noakhali	...	...	...	...	...	12 0	12 0	16 0	...	...	...
	26	Chittagong	...	...	...	...	...	12 8	13 0	15 4	...	...	...
BIHAR.														
PATNA DIVISION.	27	Patna	14 0	14 0	15 0	19 0	18 0	18 8	17 0	17 0	17 8	30 0	...	
	28	Gaya	12 0	11 8	13 0	18 8	16 0	18 8	12 0	11 8	15 0	...	18 8	
	29	Shahabad	12 8	12 8	12 8	16 0	16 0	16 8	11 8	11 0	13 8	...	...
	30	Saran	12 0	12 0	12 0	18 0	18 0	15 0	13 0	13 0	12 0	...	...
	31	Champaran	12 8	12 8	13 0	18 0	18 8	17 8	16 0	15 8	14 8	...	...
	32	Munaffarpur	12 0	12 8	14 0	17 0	16 8	16 0	14 8	14 0	13 2	...	...
33	Darbhanga	15 6	15 8	12 0	19 12	19 12	16 0	16 8	16 8	12 0	...	...
BHAGALPUR DIVISION.	34	Monghyr	13 10	13 2	14 2	16 12	16 4	16 12	11 8	12 0	12 1	...	...
	35	Bhagalpur	13 4	12 10	13 4	10 4	19 0	20 4	13 11	13 14	15 2	10 4	...	
	36	Purnea	16 0	16 0	15 0	...	...	...	15 0 18 0 16 0	14 0 16 0	16 0	...	...
	37	Malda (English Bazar).	16 0	12 8	14 0	...	...	...	15 0	15 0	16 0	...	...
	38	Sonthal Parganas.	10 0	10 0	11 0	15 0	14 8	19 0	13 0	13 0	14 0	...	...
ORISSA.														
GASIA DIVISION.	39	Cuttack	10 8	10 8	9 14	...	...	...	14 7	14 7	14 7	...	...
	40	Balasore	10 0	13 0	13 0	13 0	13 0	11 0	14 4	14 4	16 0	...	...
	41	Puri	9 10	9 8	9 8	...	...	...	14 7	15 12	14 7	...	...
CHOTA NAGPUR.														
CHOTA NAGPUR DIVISION.	42	Hasaribagh	12 0	10 12	11 0	18 0	20 0	16 0	New 16 0 Old 11 0	New 13 0 Old 11 8	...	...	...
	43	Ranchi	7 0 to 10 0	7 0 to 9 8	7 8 to 11 8	8 0	8 0	14 0	15 8	14 0	11 0	...	...
	44	Palamau	10 2	10 2	11 18	11 4	11 4	16 14	14 10	14 0	11 18	...	...
	45	Manbhum	10 0	11 0	10 0	20 0	16 0	...	16 0	13 15	New 14 0 Old 11 0	20 0	...	
	46	Singbhum	...	10 0	12 0	...	...	...	16 0	14 0	...	...	...

S. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Chandpur 9 seers ; Brahmanbaria 10 seers.

T. At Feni Hat the retail price of salt is 9 seers per rupee.

U. Cox's Bazar return not received.

V. Returns not received from Barh and Dinapore. At Bihar the retail price of salt is 9½ seers per rupee.

W. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Jahanabad and Nawada 10 seers ; Aurangabad return not received.

X. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Buxar 11 seers ; Bhabua 10 seers ; Sasaram 10½ seers.

Y. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Siwan 11 seers ; Gopalganj (Mirganj) 12 seers, 5 chitaks.

Z. At Bettiah the retail price of salt is 10 seers per rupee.

a. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Hajipur 10 seers ; Sitamarhi 11 seers.

CALCUTTA,

The 20th November 1900.

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KANONI OR KAKUM, ITALIAN MILLET. (<i>Setaria Italica</i> .)						GRAM, CHANA, CHHOLA, KADALAY, OR SUNAGA (<i>Cicer arietinum</i> .)					
Present return.		Next preceding re- turn.		Corresponding re- turn of last year.		Present return.		Next preceding re- turn.		Corresponding re- turn of last year.	
S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.	S.	Ch.
...
...	10	0	10	0	12	0		
...	10	0	10	0	10	0		
20	0	18	0	15	0	18	0	18	0	18	8
12	8	12	0	12	0	13	8	14	0	17	0
...	13	0	14	0	14	0	16	8
...	8	0	...	...	...	15	8	15	0	15	8
...	16	8	16	0	15	8
...	15	0	14	0	15	0
...	16	8	16	8	14	0
...	16	12	14	11	16	8
...	15	4	14	8	16	6
...	15	0	15	0	18	0
...	15	0	15	0	16	0
...	12	4	14	0	14	0
...	Biri or kalmi.					
...	13	2	13	2	15	12		
...	Chhola.							
...	10	8	11	0	13	0		
...	Biri or kalmi.							
...	12	8	12	0	16	0		
...	13	2	11	13	14	7		
...	13	0	12	0	14	8		
...	10	8	10	0	13	0		
...	11	8	11	0	14	0		
...	12	6	11	4	15	8		
...	12	0	12	0	11	8		
...	10	0	12	0				

Station Bazars of the Districts of Bengal on the 15th November 1900—(concluded).

WHOLESALE PRICES PER MAUND OF 40 SEERS.												DISTRICTS.	Number.
INDIAN-CORN OR MAIZE. (Zea mays.)			ARHAR OR THUR, CADJAN PEA. (Cajanus indicus.)			SALT.			SALT.				
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.		
S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	BENGAL—concluded.	
...	...	...	...	...	...	10 0	10 0	10 0	3 12 0	3 12 0	3 12 0	Tippera.	24
...	...	...	...	...	...	10 0	9 0	9 0	4 0 0	4 8 0	4 0 0	Noakhali.	25
...	...	...	7 8	7 12	...	10 0	11 0	10 0	3 12 0	3 10 0	3 8 0	Chittagong.	26
24 0	22 0	18 0	13 0	12 0	12 0	11 0	11 0	11 0	3 8 0	3 8 0	3 7 6	Patna.	27
20 0	17 8	...	10 0	9 4	11 0	10 8	10 8	10 0	3 13 0	3 11 0	3 12 0	Gaya.	28
20 0	19 0	14 0	14 0	15 0	...	10 8	11 0	10 0	3 14 0	3 10 0	4 0 0	Shahabad.	29
22 8	23 0	15 0	10 0	10 0	11 0	10 8	10 12	11 0	3 12 6	3 11 0	3 12 0	Saran.	30
27 0	26 8	16 12	11 0	10 8	10 8	10 8	10 8	10 8	3 13 0	3 13 0	3 13 0	Champani.	31
25 0	22 8	16 0	11 0	10 8	10 8	10 0	10 0	11 4	3 13 0	3 13 0	3 8 0	Muzaffarpur.	32
26 7	24 8	15 8	11 4	11 0	13 8	11 4	11 4	10 0	3 10 0	3 10 0	4 0 0	Darbhanga.	33
21 0	21 4	...	12 9	12 9	13 6	10 8	10 9	10 8	3 11 6	4 1 0	3 8 6	Monghyr.	34
...	...	17 10	13 10	9 8	10 2	8 0	10 0	10 2	4 7 1	3 10 0	3 12 0	Bagalpur.	35
...	...	...	9 0	9 0	9 0	10 8	10 8	10 8	3 12 0	3 12 0	3 12 0	Purnea.	36
...	24 0	...	9 0	9 0	10 0	10 0	10 0	10 0	4 0 0	4 0 0	4 0 0	Maida (English Bazar).	37
23 0	22 0	19 0	13 0	13 0	16 0	10 0	10 0	10 0	4 0 0	3 12 0	3 12 0	Sonthal Parganas.	38
...	...	...	13 2	13 2	15 2	13 0	12 0	10 12	3 0 0	3 2 0	3 0 0	Cuttack.	39
...	...	...	8 0	8 0	8 0	11 0	10 12	11 8	3 9 0	3 12 0	3 8 0	Balasore.	40
...	...	...	8 5	7 14	10 8	13 8	13 5	13 4	2 15 0	3 0 0	3 0 0	Puri.	41
22 8	22 8	15 0	9 0	8 0	13 4	9 0	9 0	9 8	4 7 0	4 4 0	4 3 0	Hazaribagh.	42
26 8	25 0	...	6 8	6 0	8 0	9 4	9 0	9 8	4 4 0	4 5 0	4 2 0	Ranchi.	43
21 16	23 0	14 1	...	...	11 4	9 0	9 9	9 0	...	...	...	Palamau.	44
20 0	20 0	17 0	9 0	9 0	9 0	10 0	9 8	10 8	3 12 0	3 11 0	3 11 0	Manbhum.	45
20 0	20 0	...	8 0	10 0	...	9 0	10 0	...	...	3 8 0	4 0 0	Singbhum.	46

* Rupees 14-4 shown in the last return was a mistake for Rs. 11-4.

- b. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Samastipur 10 seers ; Madhubani return not received.
c. At Begusarai and Jamui the retail prices of salt are 10 seers per rupee.
d. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Banka 10 seers ; Madhipura 9½ seers ; Supaul 10½ seers.
e. In the Krishnaganj and Arraria subdivisions the retail price of salt is 9 seers per rupee.
f. At Balia Nawabganj the retail price of salt (panga or karkatch) is 10 seers per rupee.
g. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt per rupee are :—Deoghur 10½ seers (panga) ; Godda 10 seers ; Jamtara 11 seers (crushed) ; Pakaur 11 seers (karkatch) ; Rajmahal 11 seers (karkatch).
h. In the subdivisions the retail prices of salt (panga) per rupee are :—Jajpur 10½ seers ; Kendrapara 10 seers.
i. At Bhadrak the retail price of salt is 10 seers per rupee.
j. At Khurda the retail price of salt is 12 seers per rupee.
k. At Gobindapur the retail price of salt is 10½ seers per rupee.

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PRICES-CURRENT (wholesale) of Food-grains, Firewood, &c.,

Number.	MARKS.												
		RICE (BEST SORT).			COMMON RICE (mota chaul).			WHEAT (Triticum sativum).			BARLEY (Hordeum vulgare).		
		Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1	Calcutta ...	5 0 0	5 4 0	4 12 0	8 12 0	8 12 0	8 8 0	8 12 0	8 12 0	4 0 0	2 6 0	2 8 0	2 12 0
2	Burdwan ...	4 1 0	4 2 0	3 8 0	3 3 0	3 5 0	2 12 0	...	...	3 4 0	...	...	...
3	Midnapore ...	3 12 0	3 12 0	3 8 0	2 14 0	3 0 0	2 8 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Pabna ...	6 8 0	6 8 0	6 2 0	2 13 0	2 13 0	2 4 8	2 12 6	2 14 0	2 6 6	...	...	...
5	Rangpur ...	5 0 0	4 8 0	4 8 0	3 8 0	3 8 0	2 8 0	3 0 0	3 0 0	3 8 0	...	...	...
6	Dacca ...	3 14 0	3 14 0	3 11 0	3 2 0	3 2 0	2 4 0	3 14 0	3 14 0	4 0 0	2 4 0	2 4 0	1 4 0
7	Chittagong ...	...	...	3 12 0	3 8 0	3 8 0	2 12 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	Patna ...	3 4 0	3 4 0	2 12 0	2 5 0	2 5 0	2 3 6	2 12 0	2 12 0	2 10 0	2 1 0	2 3 0	2 1 6
9	Munsharpur ...	4 7 0	4 7 0	5 11 8	2 10 6	2 10 6	2 13 9	3 8 3	3 1 3	2 10 6	2 3 6	2 5 6	2 3 6
10	Bhagalpur ..	3 15 0	3 8 0	3 8 10	2 10 6	2 14 0	2 10 7	3 0 0	3 3 0	3 10 0	1 15 6	2 1 6	2 0 0
11	Cuttaok ...	3 6 6	3 6 6	3 6 6	2 8 6	2 8 6	2 8 6	3 9 0	3 9 0	3 14 0	...	...	...
12	Ranchi ...	4 7 0	4 7 0	5 6 6	2 9 0	2 13 6	3 10 3	4 0 0 to 5 11 6	4 8 0 to 5 11 6	3 7 6 to 5 6 6	5 0 0	5 0 0	2 13 3

CALCUTTA,
The 20th November 1900.

JUAR OR OHOLUM (<i>Sorghum vulgare</i>).			BAJRA OR CUMBU (<i>Pennisetum typhoides</i>).			MARUA OR RAGI (<i>Eleusine coracana</i>).			GRAM, CHANA, CHOLA, KADALAY, OR BUNAGA (<i>Cicer arislinum</i>).		
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
...	3 6 0	5 4 0	4 8 0	...	...	...	3 0 0	3 8 0	3 4 0
...	3 1 0	3 2 0	3 2 0
...
...	3 5 0	3 5 0	3 0
...	3 0 0	3 0 0	3 4 0
...	3 6 0	3 6 0	3 2 0
...	4 0 0	4 0 0	3 12 0
...	1 4 0	...	...	...	...	1 14 6	2 5 0	...	2 3 0	2 3 0	2 1 6
...	1 8 6	1 11 9	2 0 0	2 8 0	2 10 6	2 8 0
...	2 10 0	2 12 0	2 7 6
...	2 12 6	Biri or Kalai.	
...	2 13 0	2 5 6	...
...	3 8 0	3 10 0	2 13 3
...	3 12 0	4 0 0	3 1 0

PRICE PER MAUND OF

INDIAN-CORN OR MAHES (Zea mays).			ARHAR DAL OR THUR - CADJAN PEA (Cajanus indicus).			LINSEED.			MUSTARD AND RAPESEED.		
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
2 0 0	3 4 0	3 0 0	4 4 0	4 8 0	4 0 0	7 8 0	7 10 0	5 8 0	5 12 0	5 12 0	4 4 0
...	...	...	5 0 0	5 12 0	4 0 0	...	...	...	6 11 0	6 11 0	4 3 0
...	...	...	...	...	...	6 8 0	6 4 0	4 10 0	6 12 0 { 6 8 0 { 6 12 0 { 6 8 0 {	Black mustard. to 6 12 0 Rapeseed. 6 0 0	4 10 0 to 4 12 0 3 8 0
...	...	...	5 5 0	5 5 0	3 15 0	7 0 0	7 0 0	4 12 0		5 10 0	5 8 0
2 8 0	2 8 0	2 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	4 8 0	...	...	...	6 0 0	5 12 0	3 12 0
...	...	...	4 8 0	4 8 0	3 12 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	5 8 0	5 10 0	4 12 0	...	...	...	7 0 0	6 12 0	4 4 0
1 10 0	1 12 0	2 2 6	3 0 0	3 4 0	3 0 0	6 0 0	6 10 0	4 0 0	5 10 0	5 10 0	3 14 0
1 8 6	1 11 9	2 5 6	3 7 6	3 10 0	3 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
1 15 6	2 1 6	2 4 7	4 3 6	4 3 6	4 0 0	6 6 6	6 10 0	4 6 6	6 4 0	6 8 0	4 3 8
...	...	...	2 13 0	3 13 0	2 5 6	...	...	...	6 6 0	6 6 0	3 12 0
...	...	...	5 6 6	6 10 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	4 7 0	5 0 0 { 6 10 6 {	5 6 6 { 7 4 3 {	6 2 8

* Re. 1-1-6 in the last return was a mistake for Re. 2-1-6.

10 STANDARD SEERS.

TIL OR JINJILI SEED.			SUGAR (RAW).			COTTON, CLEANED.			JUTE.		
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
4 12 0	5 8 0	4 4 0	5 12 0	5 12 0	5 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	16 0 0	6 0 0	5 4 0	5 0 0
...	...	...	5 6 0	5 8 0	5 12 0	...	...	18 0 0	...	...	...
...	...	...	{ 5 0 0 to 5 8 0 }	{ 5 0 0 to 5 8 0 }	{ 4 12 0 to 5 0 0 }	{ 18 0 0 to 20 0 0 }	{ 18 0 0 to 20 0 0 }	{ 18 0 0 to 20 0 0 }	} ...	...	...
...	...	...	5 0 0	4 12 0	4 4 0	20 8 0	20 8 0	18 0 0	4 2 0	4 4 0	5 12 0
...	...	...	6 10 0	6 10 0	7 0 0	...	...	...	4 12 0	4 8 0	4 0 0
...	...	...	6 0 0	6 0 0	5 12 0	...	...	...	5 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0
...	...	...	5 8 0	5 4 0	5 4 0	15 4 0	15 8 0	14 8 0	...	...	...
6 8 0	6 10 0	4 10 0	3 4 0	5 0 0	3 8 0	17 0 0	16 0 0	15 0 0	3 8 0	6 0 0	5 0 0
...	...	...	3 5 8	3 10 0	2 8 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	3 15 0	6 5 0	4 0 0	21 0 0	21 8 0	20 12 10	...	...	...
3 12 0	4 7 8	3 10 0	4 8 0	4 8 0	5 12 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	24 8 0	...	...	...
...	...	...	5 0 0	6 10 6	{ 4 11 0 to 5 6 6 }	21 5 4	22 12 0	22 12 0	...	...	...

GHI (CLARIFIED BUTTER).			TOBACCO LEAF.			HIDES (COW).			GRASS.			
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
36 8 0	37 0 0	35 0 0	9 0 0	9 0 0	6 0 0	250 0 0	250 0 0	250 0 0	3 2 0	3 18 0	0 18 0	
40 0 0	36 0 0	32 0 0	...	...	...	Per 100 pieces.			...	...	...
{ 38 0 0 to 40 0 0 }	37 8 0	33 0 0	Madhakali.			Uncleaned hide per piece.			...	...	...
			Pulta.			{ 0 12 0 | 0 8 0 | 0 14 0 to 2 6 0 | to 2 0 0 | to 2 6 0 }						
			Cleaned hide per piece.			{ 1 0 0 | 0 12 0 | 1 6 0 to 2 10 0 | to 2 4 0 | to 2 10 0 }						
58 0 0	58 0 0	53 0 0	11 0 0	11 0 0	10 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
40 0 0	40 0 0	35 0 0	7 0 0	7 0 0	8 0 0	...	...	...	0 2 6	0 2 6	0 2 6
40 0 0	40 0 0	36 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	7 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	0 4 0	0 4 0	0 4 0	
44 0 0	44 0 0	45 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	12 0 0	per maund.			...	...	...
32 0 0	32 0 0	29 0 0	8 0 0	8 0 0	3 0 0	18 0 0	18 0 0	18 8 0	...	...	...
32 0 0	28 14 9	30 7 6	8 0 0	8 0 0	10 0 0	per maund.			0 5 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	
42 8 0	32 0 0	36 6 6	8 12 0	10 0 0	4 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
35 10 0	36 0 0	29 0 0	4 4 0	4 4 0	4 4 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	0 9 0	0 9 0	0 8 11	
{ 34 0 0 to 40 0 0 }	36 0 0	27 18 0	per maund.			{ 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 }			0 2 8	0 2 8	0 2 8	
			per piece.									

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in the undermentioned Marts of Bengal on the 15th November 1900.

STRAW.			JUAR STALKS.			PRICES PER MAUND OF 40 STANDARD SEERS.									MARTS.
						IRON.			FIREWOOD.			SALT.			
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	
63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
1 0 0	1 2 0	0 10 0	...	...	...	5 4 0	5 4 0	5 4 0	0 9 0	0 9 0	0 8 0	3 6 0	3 6 0	3 5 0	1. Calcutta.
0 9 0 (per pan)	0 7 0	0 3 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	0 5 0	0 5 3	0 8 0	3 4 0	3 4 0	3 4 0	2. Burdwan.
$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0\ 2\ 10 \\ \text{to} \\ 0\ 3\ 8 \end{array} \right\}$	0 2 10	0 2 5	...	...	...	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 4\ 12\ 0 \\ \text{to} \\ 5\ 0\ 0 \end{array} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 4\ 12\ 0 \\ \text{to} \\ 5\ 0\ 0 \end{array} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 4\ 0\ 0 \\ \text{to} \\ 4\ 8\ 0 \end{array} \right\}$	0 4 0	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0\ 3\ 6 \\ \text{to} \\ 0\ 4\ 0 \end{array} \right\}$	0 4 0	3 9 0	3 9 0	3 8 0	3. Midnapore.
1 0 0	1 0 0	0 12 0	...	...	...	7 12 0	7 12 0	7 0 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	0 4 0	3 13 0	3 13 0	3 14 0	4. Pabna.
0 7 0	0 7 0	0 7 0	...	...	...	7 0 0	7 8 0	7 0 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	0 5 3	4 0 0	3 12 0	4 0 0	5. Rangpur.
...	...	...	...	...	...	5 8 0	5 8 0	5 0 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	3 9 0	3 9 0	3 8 0	6. Dacca.
...	...	...	...	...	...	7 4 0	7 4 0	5 8 0	...	...	...	3 12 0	3 10 0	3 8 0	7. Chittagong.
...	...	...	...	...	...	4 0 0	4 0 0	3 0 0	0 5 0	0 5 0	0 5 6	3 8 0	3 8 0	3 7 6	8. Patna.
...	...	...	...	...	...	6 10 6	6 10 0	5 11 6	0 4 0	0 4 0	0 4 0	3 13 0	3 13 0	3 8 0	9. Munaffarpur.
...	...	...	...	...	...	5 0 0	6 8 0	6 6 6	0 6 6	0 6 3	0 6 0	3 6 0	3 10 0	3 12 0	10. Bhagalpur.
0 9 0	0 9 0	0 9 6	4 2 0	4 2 0	4 8 0	0 4 6	0 4 6	0 4 0	3 0 0	3 2 0	3 0 0	11. Cuttack.
No fixed rate.			6 10 6	6 10 6	5 0 0	0 4 0	0 4 0	0 4 0	4 5 0	4 5 0	4 2 0	12. Ranchi.

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I.

IMPORTS INTO CALCUTTA.

The following Statement shows the Quantities of the Principal Staples of Traffic imported into Calcutta from the Interior by Rail, Road, River (Country-boat and Steamer), the Calcutta Canals and coasting vessels during the month of August 1900.

Whence imported.	FOOD-GRAINS.										FIBROUS PRODUCTS.		OILSEEDS.		Tea, Indian.	Cotton, raw.	Silk, raw.	Coal and coke.	Indigo.	SUGAR.			TOBACCO.
	Rice and paddy.		Wheat.	Wheat flour.	Gram and pulse.	Other food-grains.	Total.	Jute, raw.	Gunny-bags,†	Linsced.	Mustard seed.	Refined.	Unrefined.	Molasses.						Manufactured.	Manufactured.		
	Rice.	Paddy.*																					
	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	No.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.						Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	
1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
BENGAL.																							
Burdwan	51,764	21,194	67,491	2,126	4	4,405	73,116			10,380	1,150	450				34,39,348					1		
Birbhum	25,850	1,540	24,730	13	25	1,080	24,767			5,850	380					47					2,841	456	55
Midnapore	75,754	12,235	79,411	337	15	10,697	83,095		48	312,713	2,701	380				135					8,731	884	884
Malda	61,102	33,616	79,411	3,495	46	1,155	84,115		7,490	700,635	785	751				6,467					6,854	3,016	686
24 Parganas	2,301,151	33,660	3,339,588	27,552		2,505	3,343,539		17,692	17,639	35,090					1,397					1,397	3,386	3,386
Mumukshabad	34,570	1,535	33,714	5,603		2,505	38,233		19,656	17,639	11,769	1,068				1,577					12	349	11
Jamshedpur	20,700	14,550	30,711	5,603		2,505	38,233		1,764	5,850	367					910					13	650	
Kulna	27,285	12,185	17,396	401		10,845	27,466		4,983	1,650	1,421					173					8,733	1,804	
Bajubahi	6,699	6,693	17,396	401		10,845	27,466		1,235	1,650	1,421												
Dumukur	47,755	2,048	49,011	220		8,337	49,556		1,43,689	28,430	451												
Darjeeling									15,114	7,840													
Bangpur		1,234	3,637	303		671	4,631		1,57,753	603													
24 Parganas	7,795	977	8,317	508		671	8,791		1,275	30,993	603												
Cooh Behar			4,433	1,351		10,096	15,890		2,17,091		604												
Dacca	573	350	791	791		3,318	5,109		2,043														
Mumukshabad	3,222	3,878	5,631			1,143	6,773		6,91,382	2,080	2,841	253											
Faridpur	68,173	4,359	60,879	1,433		1,143	76,079		1,50,385	1,470	631	631											
Behergunge	1,511,139	2,300	1,520,599			903	1,52,468		6,39,249	7,000	2,159	649											
Tupera	13,337	200	13,493				13,493		1,587		578												
Nakhal	23,699	200	23,734				23,734		1,83,239	345													
Chittagong	7,377		7,377				7,377		1,3,066	770													
Total of Bengal	9,44,720	1,23,629	10,79,557	39,814	62	3,31,774	14,60,395	34,80,570	1,308,459	51,167	9,496	92,970	6,493	1,727	34,39,447	1,506	5,034	37,464	67,795	1,075			
BIHAR.																							
Patna	1,048		1,048	1,980		20,148	33,039	3,713	225	33,017	4,974												
Gaya				879		340	1,219			1,752													
Shahabad				5,143		8,337	13,570			3,429													
Saran				1,093		15	2,101			35,331													
Champanan				757		2,928	3,470			9,633													
Muzaffarpur				106		1,640	2,797			10,491													
Darbhanga				19,679		23,338	46,319			16,440													
Monghyr				35,984		7,557	43,541			6,713													
Bhagalpur				3,495		5,015	8,518			7,581													
Purnea				672		11,488	12,160			1,619													
Maitha				437		11,945	12,382			2,368													
Boothal Fargana				10		1,917	1,927			7,854													
Total of Bihar	2,367	5	2,370	38,024		1,07,737	7,863	44,614	6,135	1,25,064	92,931												

* One mound of paddy is equivalent to 35 seers of rice.

† Exclusive of bags obtained by local manufacture.

Whence imported.	FOOD-GRAINS.										FIBROUS PRODUCTS.		OILSEEDS.		STOAR.				TOBACCO.			
	Rice and paddy.		Wheat.	Wheat flour.	Gram and pulses.	Other food-grains.	Total.	Jute, raw.	Gunny-bags.	Lined.	Mustard seed.	Tea, Indian.	Cotton, raw.	Sug. raw.	Coal and coke.	Indigo.	Refined.	Unrefined.	Molasses.	Uruminine.	Manufactured.	
	Rice.	Paddy.*																				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
ORISSA.																						
Cuttack	Mds.	876	976	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	No.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Balasore	621	431	931	69	...	1,040	...	400	214	331	17	30	...
Total of Orissa	1,507	431	1,507	631	...	2,553	...	600	214	331	17	30	...
CHOTA NAGPUR.																						
Hazaribagh	...	21	21	1,923	14	10	...	2,84,018
Namrup	...	2	2	431	28	...	22,00,318
Singbhum
Total of Chota Nagpur.	23	...	23	3	...	25	...	1,923	445	38	2	24,04,066
Grand Total of supplies from the Provinces under the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.	9,50,707	1,99,058	10,84,117	1,27,868	62	4,40,205	16,712	16,08,964	25,34,854	1,219,449	1,84,245	72,778	93,245	6,724	1,780	29,35,413	15	1,586	7,500	27,337	91,419	2,500
OTHER PROVINCES.																						
Assam	41,350	807	41,854	474	...	1,300	...	43,698	819	1,750	12	14,717	1,84,612	51,740
North-Western Provinces and Oudh.	24,148	3,852	46,730	...	74,738	...	420	55,571	86,023	1,218
Punjab	16	...	16	347	...	697	...	315	...	1,411	88
Central Provinces	2,160	...	5,657
Rajputana and Central India.
Barar	175	...	14,907
Bombay
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II.

The Sea-borne Trade of Calcutta in these staples during the month of August 1900 was as follows:—

EXPORTED FROM CALCUTTA.	Rice.	Paddy.	Total (in rice).	Wheat.	Wheat flour.	Gram and pulses.	Other food- grains.	Total.	Jute, raw.	Gunny- bags.	Linsed.	Mustard seed.	Tea, Indian.	Cotton, raw.	Silk, raw.	Coal and coke.	Indigo.	SUGAR.				TOBACCO.	
																		Refined.	Cured.	Unmanufac- tured.	Manufac- tured.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
To Indian Ports, viz.—	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	No.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.		
Bombay ..	65,153	30	65,170	1,756	.....	68,894	.....	1,85,790	.....	1,062,500	.....	.....	2,457	340	.....	14,41,170	14	5,800	.....	.....	.....
Madras ..	20,814	7,573	25,547	400	579	40,673	941	68,140	.....	99,100	.....	.....	72	.....	186	2,40,324	.....	60	.....	.....	.....
Other ports in Madras ..	6,129	.....	6,129	355	809	7,909	89	15,382	.....	88,850	.....	327	8	.....	3	1,10,088	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burma ..	2,387	.....	2,387	1,113	13,750	13,493	346	30,091	50	1,530,500	.....	.....	211	60	44	4,53,918	.....	357	1,016	39,780	187		
Other Indian ports ..	.....	.....	.....	709	460	1,019	.....	2,188	.....	62,950	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	20,607	.....	1,308	211	1,054	15		
Pondicherry ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	268	377	.....	639	.....	2,000	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sind ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	294,700	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total of Inter- portal Trade	94,482	7,603	99,233	4,293	14,000	1,32,446	1,328	2,52,320	80	2,842,769	.....	327	2,737	600	179	92,74,903	23	7,115	1,923	40,814	236		
To Foreign Ports—																							
United Kingdom	88,981	.....	88,981	.....	.....	19,619	.....	1,02,600	1,70,306	2,890,000	2,87,618	2,722	8,11,821	1,933	572	.....	103	.....	.....	.....	25		
Other foreign ports ..	5,31,557	4,537	5,34,390	1,558	6,093	45,493	3,284	5,90,565	3,43,474	17,100,533	19,317	2,846	43,316	10,643	869	17,40,308	4	5	4	45	173		
Total of Foreign Trade ..	6,14,538	4,547	6,17,350	1,558	6,092	65,071	3,284	6,93,565	5,23,570	19,630,443	3,08,936	5,568	8,55,813	13,576	1,441	17,40,308	112	5	4	45	198		
Grand Total (1900 of Exports in August 1899	7,09,020	12,150	7,16,613	6,161	20,933	1,37,319	4,550	9,43,785	5,22,920	22,473,993	3,08,935	5,895	8,57,932	13,976	1,690	40,15,113	137	7,120	1,929	40,859	434		
	7,40,466	3,173	7,42,389	5,79,319	.....	5,37,805	18,366	18,67,879	8,05,685	46,781,120	7,55,924	10,508	9,46,754	14,146	1,673	.....	.....	4,532	3,163	37,713	681		

III.

IMPORTS INTO CALCUTTA.

The following statement shows the several Routes followed by the Trade in the Principal Staples of Traffic imported into Calcutta during the month of July 1900.

SPECIFICATION OF ROUTES.	FOOD-GRAINS.							FIBROUS PRODUCTS.			OILSEEDS.		Tea, Indian.	Cotton, raw.	Silk, raw.	Coal and Coke.	Indigo.	SUGAR.			TOBACCO.	
	Rice.	Paddy.	Wheat.	Wheat flour.	Gram and pulses.	Other food-grains.	Jute, raw.	Gunny-bags.	Linseed.	Mustard seed.								Refined.	Unrefined.	Molasses.	Manufactured.	Manufactured.
1	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
By country boats	Mds. 6,49,986	Mds. 1,87,795	Mds. 44,300	Mds. 44,300	Mds. 2,42,319	Mds. 10,153	Mds. 1,11,318	No. 696,098	Mds. 40,543	Mds. 25,960	Mds. 25,960	Mds. 25,960	Mds. 408	Mds. 10,731	Mds. 10,731	Mds. 1,486	Mds. 259	Mds. 24,872	Mds. 16,316	Mds. 1,428	Mds. 1,428	Mds. 1,428
" river steamers	89,189	6,175	6,659	4	19,973	2,968	6,19,614	12,951	24,201	21,181	3,61,743	1,161	738	54,740	54,740	10	1,239	13	2,369	116	116	116
(E. I. Railway	48,628	40,516	98,185	4,199	1,41,078	2,891	78,006	54,905	1,02,455	1,35,375	1,751	1,258	357	55,29,797	55,29,797	15	3,602	5,699	5,641	577	577	577
E. R. S. Rail- way.	91,645	449	5,806	...	61,739	533	19,82,015	547,453	8,967	1,969	89,150	614	213	3	3	...	2,170	...	50,773	...	...	...
" rail	1,527	...	...	...	...	...	4,407	1,015	...	202	24,906	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assam-Fengal Railway.	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bombay-Nagpur Railway.	11,945	681	...	...	1,706	293	3,12,448	3,070	305	...	...	78	...	...	...	...	116	...	...	...	...	...
General Central Railway.	...	...	...	46	266	...	17,175	18,000	149	...	...	1,192	...	6,882	6,882	...	1,907	2,519	5,803	883	883	883
" road	1,00,838	13,996	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" sea	30,813	473	...	...	3,670	...	...	960	214	15,349	2,014	6,001	20	88	88	14,023	...	...	443	236	236	236
Grand Total of Imports in August	10,53,896	1,59,905	1,52,480	4,245	4,91,695	16,712	25,29,073	1,225,164	2,80,828	1,99,885	2,79,954	11,274	1,842	59,93,265	59,93,265	15	16,499	32,064	32,245	3,057	3,057	3,057
" 1899	10,58,441	2,61,927	4,27,306	...	7,74,642	46,115	15,51,611	1,803,584	7,78,946	2,05,513	2,64,535	32,042	2,660	38,80,048	38,80,048	25	645	32,276	...	88,716	5,189	5,189

IV.

EXPORTS FROM CALCUTTA.

The following Statement shows the Values and Quantities of the Principal Staples of Traffic exported Inland from Calcutta by Rail, Road, River (Country-boat and Steamer), the Calcutta Canals and coasting vessels during the month of August 1900 :—

Whither exported.	COTTON PIECE-GOODS.		COTTON TWIST.		Salt.	KEROSENE OIL.		Gunny-bags.
	European.	Indian.	European.	Indian.		From Calcutta.	From Hudge.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BENGAL.								
	Rs.	Rs.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	No.
Burdwan	54,087	786	256	308	14,275	243	4,518	43,690
Ribhurn	20,465	4,815	45	1,073	7,147	72	1,933	25,660
Midnapore	1,52,970	1,295	1,182	205	0,965	244	2,575	2,275
Hooghly	88,751	1,700	209	17	0,255	3,941	715	56,561
24-Paraganas	2,29,733	6,534	580	.....	10,367	7,187	2,225	20,850
Calcutta	.....	.....	.....	356	.....	.....	60,396	.....
Nadia	1,33,408	1,172	1,774	25	25,334	454	7,963	52,925
Murshidabad	61,008	490	270	25	20,282	1,431	1,510	21,050
Jessore	74,040	.....	1,930	11	28,332	1,523	2,094	9,105
Khulna	21,214	.....	100	.....	8,920	635	144	8,925
Malshahi	92,619	.....	347	47	17,379	6	2,508	10,625
Dinajpur	83,461	490	40	260	11,546	.....	1,306	14,085
Jalpaiguri	1,35,074	.....	105	206	7,969	18	2,693	1,365
Darjeeling	1,36,851	.....	111	456	5,813	70	2,785	2,100
Rangpur	1,65,407	595	179	141	10,972	123	3,650	9,545
Bogra	1,34,504	439	149	21	4,774	.....	842	5,715
Patna	1,45,504	.....	490	219	4,776	5	27,034	11,355
Ooorh Behar	1,17,574	105	12	24	1,178	2	.....	2,592
Dacca	8,47,361	.....	2,555	34	25,601	634	15,400	11,655
Mymensingh	2,05,530	.....	32	40	17,167	310	5,350	12,180
Farkipur	56,270	.....	930	93	21,479	3,000	1,995	24,075
Backergunge	16,880	.....	.....	.....	30,385	7,750	1,275	8,570
Tippers	32,165	.....	750	.....	12,943	864	.....	12,005
Nankhali	1,979	.....	80	.....	15,575	.....	.....	18,7
Chittagong	52,406	.....	634	23	.....	1	.....	60,055
Total of Bengal	51,70,283	18,031	11,330	3,003	3,65,544	28,519	1,48,038	490,921
BIHAR.								
Patna	70,815	280	218	648	13,262	35	3,573	108,230
Gaya	70,056	30,715	42	308	10,296	8	1,447	5,145
Shahabad	1,47,830	735	21	415	9,900	54	770	10,070
Buxar	62,270	.....	218	49	15,444	.....	1,208	10,255
Champur	1,67,780	.....	26	119	7,010	4	578	10,000
Manikpur	76,002	.....	.....	.....	15,637	15	2,315	16,380
Darbhanga	40,134	.....	.....	.....	12,023	19	3,384	14,525
Monohyr	50,783	.....	.....	761	11,434	22	3,473	46,200
Bhagalpur	1,66,145	.....	808	130	13,861	5	2,404	51,005
Purnea	90,300	.....	60	1,200	11,880	6	2,553	11,000
Malda	20,696	.....	250	373	7,208	4	651	15,075
Southal Parganas	55,480	.....	133	780	18,925	13	4,417	61,915
Total of Bihar	10,61,208	37,785	1,376	4,032	1,44,870	191	26,803	371,330
ORISSA.								
Cuttack	5,486	.....	.....	171	.....	52	3,523	4,445
Balasore	14,535	.....	224	2,434	10,177	160	1,473	2,430
Total of Orissa	20,181	.....	224	2,605	10,177	212	4,996	6,875
CHOTA NAGPUR.								
Hazaribagh	9,830	.....	11	42	1,203	15	80	1,015
Manbhum	37,103	.....	10	30	12,335	110	1,278	10,405
Singbhum	7,716	.....	2	.....	4,683	10	161	6,055
Total of Chota Nagpur	54,649	.....	23	72	18,221	132	1,509	17,535
Grand Total of Supplies into the Provinces under the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal	43,13,650	55,707	13,503	11,278	5,42,812	20,004	1,81,376	351,681
OTHER PROVINCES.								
Azamgarh	5,28,056	1,846	1,750	312	37,933	2,515	25,460	19,040
North-Western Provinces and Oudh	10,06,595	2,407	1,804	207	6,800	77	20,591	213,665
Punjab	2,42,527	2,385	228	33	.....	322	1,180	74,025
Central Provinces	25,900	.....	25	.....	.....	40	3,905	2,270
Rajputana and Central India	45,113	681	45	7	.....	2	913	35
Berar	2,132	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	630
Nizam's Territory	504	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bombay	6,032	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,066,560
Madras	1,01,333	.....	120	.....	.....	18	.....	185,050
Mysore	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pondicherry	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000
Burma	92,600	6,806	973	343	.....	121	.....	1,230,500
Sind	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	204,700
Grand Total of 1900 Exports in 1899	61,54,358	68,792	18,418	12,179	5,57,541	32,163	2,32,514	5,320,101
Exports in 1899	45,92,798	66,490	10,193	18,259	5,54,005	3,35,638	.....	1,855,799

* Represents the trade registered at the traffic registering stations only.

V.

The Sea-borne Trade of Calcutta in these Staples during the month of August 1900 was as follows :—

IMPORTED INTO CALCUTTA.	COTTON PIECE-GOODS.		COTTON TWIST.		Salt.	Kerosine oil.	Gunny-bags.
	European.	Indian.	European.	Indian.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
From Foreign Ports— United Kingdom Other foreign ports	Rs. 1,31,67,754 87,127	Rs.	Mds. 8,846 738	Mds. 1,537	Mds. 4,99,789 7,48,687	Mds. 1,92,447	No.
Total of Foreign Trade	1,32,54,881	.....	9,068	1,537	11,78,426	1,92,447	.....
From Indian Ports— Bombay Madras Other ports in Madras Burma Other Indian ports	97,026 8,394 2,800 44,398	5,68,837 6,487 3,000	78	30,086	2,609 ..... ..... ..... .....	..... ..... ..... 1,02,628 .....	..... ..... ..... ..... 900
Total of Interportal Trade	1,53,116	5,77,254	78	30,091	2,609	1,02,628	900
Grand Total of Imports in 1900 August	1,34,07,997 33,40,412	5,77,254 1,93,704	9,141 7,069	31,628 11,523	11,51,128 12,46,777	2,95,075 3,97,306	900

* As per tariff declaration value.

VI.

The following Statement shows the several Routes followed by the Trade in the above Principal Staples of Traffic exported from Calcutta during the month of August 1900 :—

SPECIFICATION OF ROUTES.	COTTON PIECE-GOODS.		COTTON TWIST.		Salt.	KEROSENE OIL.		Gunny-bags.
	European.	Indian.	European.	Indian.		From Calcutta.	From Budge-Budge.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
By country boats	Rs. 99,900	Rs. 1,700	Mds. 881	Mds.	Mds. 1,69,805	Mds. 21,168	Mds. 6,501	No. 60,071
river steamers	16,20,080	2,018	5,396	883	1,10,163	1,489	79,796	78,605
East Indian Railway	25,48,868	48,409	2,000	6,690	1,69,723	1,699	61,512	719,110
Eastern Bengal State Railway	16,50,123	1,360	5,276	3,008	1,11,343	803	80,145	175,070
Assam-Bengal Railway	99,325	1,260	1,349	.....	2,346	309	.....	10,509
Bengal-Nagpur Railway	21,087	1,295	.....	.....	1,387	54	4,906	6,600
Bengal Central Railway	26,531	.....	1,106	.....	16,663	373	.....	13,685
road	2,31,842	6,534	454	.....	3,602	6,940	.....	4,760
sea	2,06,742	5,806	1,317	2,550	10,127	336	.....	2,842,700
Grand Total of Imports in August	1900 34,54,888	68,792	18,443	12,179	8,87,541	32,168	2,92,914	3,930,101
1899	45,92,798	64,400	19,103	12,550	6,94,096	2,53,633	.....	1,858,729

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT:
The 14th November 1900.

F. A. SLACKW,
Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Results of the Meteorological Observations taken at the Alipore Observatory from 11th to 17th November 1900.

Month	Date	Maximum in sun.	Number of hours of bright sunshine.	Mean pressure barometer at 32° Fahr.	TEMPERATURE.				HYGROMETRY.				WIND.		Rain.	WEATHER.
					Mean.	Maximum.	Range.	Minimum.	Mean wet bulb.	Vapour tension.	Dew point.	Humidity.	Prevailing direction.	Miles recorded.		
1900.				Inches.	°	°	°	°		Inch.	°	%			Inches.	
Nov.	11th	135.5	9.1	29.941	72.9	84.6	21.4	63.2	66.9	0.582	63.2	74	N and NNW ...	61	Nil	Clear, D.
"	12th	132.7	8.9	.968	72.9	84.1	19.9	64.2	67.4	.600	61.1	76	NNW and NW by N.	47	"	Clear, D.
"	13th	133.0	8.8	.977	72.3	84.6	20.4	64.2	67.4	.600	64.1	76	NW by N, N and WNW.	66	"	Clear, D.
"	14th	135.6	6.6	.985	71.9	83.8	20.1	63.7	66.9	.596	63.9	78	N and NNW ...	44	"	Partially cloudy, D.
"	15th	135.1	9.0	30.008	71.9	83.0	20.4	62.6	66.1	.566	62.4	76	NNW and N by W.	80	"	Chiefly clear, D.
"	16th	136.3	7.7	.970	70.8	83.8	20.8	63.0	66.4	.591	63.7	80	N by W, NW by W and variable.	49	"	Partially cloudy, D.
"	17th	135.7	8.7	.918	73.0	83.1	19.4	63.7	67.1	.586	63.4	72	NW by W and WNW.	65	"	Partially cloudy, D.

The mean pressure of the seven days

The average pressure of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office

The total number of hours of bright sunshine

The maximum possible number of hours of sunshine

The mean temperature of the seven days

The average temperature of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office

The extreme variation of temperature

The maximum temperature

The highest velocity of the wind in one hour

The mean relative humidity

The average relative humidity of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office

The total fall of rain from 11th to 17th November 1900

The average fall of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office

The total fall from 1st January to 17th November 1900

The average fall of the corresponding period for 24 years, Surveyor-General's Office

The mean pressure, temperature, &c., are deduced from the traces of the Barograph and Thermograph, and from eye observations.

The maximum and minimum temperatures are obtained from self-registering thermometers. All the thermometers are verified and the readings have been corrected to a standard constructed and verified at the Kew Observatory. They are exposed under a thatched shed open at the sides, and are suspended four feet above the ground.

The barometer readings are corrected approximately to those of the standard, Newman's No. 86, formerly at the Surveyor-General's Office.

The hygrometric elements are obtained from Tables III, IV, and V of the official tables computed in the Meteorological Office, and based on Regnault's modifications of August's formula.

The directions and the movement of the wind are taken from the trace of a Beckley's anemograph.

The mouth of the rain-gauge is one foot above the ground.

Δ, dew.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, GOVT. OF INDIA,

Alipore (Calcutta), the 19th November 1900.

G. W. KÜCHLER,

For Meteorological Reporter to the Govt. of India
and Director-General of Indian Observatories.

IRRIGATION OPERATIONS FOR THE OFFICIAL YEAR 1900-1901.
Areas leased for Irrigation up to end of August 1900.

CIRCLE.	District.	Canal.	Estimated full discharge.	Average discharge in month.	Discharge utilized.	Approximate area of land irrigated during the year up to the end of the month.	Approximate area of land under irrigation up to the same date last year.	DETAILS OF AREAS LEASED.										Rainfall, 1900-1901.	REMARKS.				
								Season leases.						Long-term leases.	Khuril.	Bahl.	Sugarcane.			Bhadol.	Hot-weather.	Total.	Grand Total.
								1	2	3	4	5	6											7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
UPPER INDIA	Punjab	Talwanda, 1st reach	1,343	198	18,388	16,833	17,889	389	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	389	18,388	16,833	17,889	389	.....	.....	.....
		Ditto, 2nd "	666	283	36,718	31,706	36,526	190	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	190	36,718	31,706	36,526	190	.....	.....	.....
		Maclean	766	590	50,435	50,433	41,139	9,277	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,277	50,435	50,433	41,139	9,277	.....	.....
		Kendrapara	1,007	679	3,744	3,605	3,744	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,744	19,733	41,800	6,810	.....	.....
		Gobri	373	71	3,333	3,064	3,317	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	3,333	17,996	57,492	6,810	.....	.....
		Do. Extension	648	39	12,615	12,605	14,163	1,452	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,452	12,615	22,577	47,400	10,610	.....	.....
		Patamundi	885	151	22,571	22,216	22,571	27,801	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27,801	22,577	47,400	10,610	.....	.....
		High Level, Range I	608	233	2,901	2,901	2,901	2,901	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,901	20,733	53,900	13,112	.....	.....
		Ditto, do. II	727	3	10,129	9,292	9,278	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,733	53,900	13,112	.....	.....
		Jampur Canal, including Dudhal Canal	700	139	31,324	29,246	30,485	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31,324	53,900	13,112	.....	.....
SOUTH-WEST INDIA	Madagascar	High Level, Range III	737	291	192,292	182,377	182,305	11,314	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,314	192,305	182,305	182,305	11,314	.....	.....
		Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	182,305	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	182,305	192,377	182,305	182,305	.....	.....
		Total of the corresponding period of last year	182,305	182,305	192,377	182,305	182,305	
		Midnapore	1,411	394.61	68,764	47,449	61,676	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61,676	68,764	47,449	61,676	.....	.....
		Panchkura	522	70.27	8,776	1,483	7,746	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,746	8,776	1,483	7,746	.....	.....
		Total Resches, Ranges I & II	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,467	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,467	1,467	1,467	1,467	.....	.....
		Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	70,859	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70,859	70,859	70,859	70,859	.....	.....
		Total of the corresponding period of last year	70,859	70,859	70,859	70,859	70,859	
		Western Main	4,343	3,119	31,906	15,927	11,146	7,375	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,146	15,927	11,146	11,146	.....	.....
		SOUTH INDIA	Shahabad	Doar	1,356	623	73,388	70,621	67,453	18,836	18,836	70,621	67,453	18,836	
Arwah	2,009			1,877	130,272	144,190	126,121	21,491	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21,491	144,190	126,121	21,491	.....	.....	
Western Main	1,465			1,221	2,711	2,130	68,198	18,213	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68,198	2,130	2,711	10,466	.....	.....	
Faina	.....			.....	.....	73,335	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	73,335	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Doar	.....			.....	.....	312,141	24,130	68,700	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68,700	312,141	15,072	15,072	.....	.....	
Total	.....			.....	.....	.....	24,130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24,130	312,141	15,072	15,072	.....	.....
Total of the corresponding period of last year	24,130	24,130	312,141	15,072	15,072	
GRAND TOTAL	.....			.....	.....	.....	50,437	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50,437	50,437	50,437	50,437	.....	.....
Grand Total of the corresponding period of last year	50,437	50,437	50,437	50,437	50,437	
Grand Total of the corresponding period of last year	50,437	50,437	50,437	50,437	50,437	

* This represents the area under provisional license.
† Commencing from April 1900.

A. S. THOMSON,
Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

CALCUTTA;
The 21st November 1900.

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL, IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT.

Approximate Return of Traffic on the Circular and Eastern Canals for the week ending Saturday, the 17th November 1900, as compared with the corresponding week of the previous year.

NATURE OF CARGO.	WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 17TH NOVEMBER 1900.			WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 18TH NOVEMBER 1899.		
	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.
	No.	Mds.	Rs.	No.	Mds.	Rs.
Rice and paddy	532	1,13,375	1,871	970	1,38,275	2,113
Jute	667	2,88,656*	4,469	802	1,34,275	1,993
Firewood	93	73,716	1,247	103	83,650	1,266
Other articles	796	1,69,380	2,230	1,024	2,06,025	2,877
Total	2,088	6,45,126	9,817	2,399	5,62,225	8,239

* Weight by canal measurement—2,65,075 maunds.

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

Statement of Goods Traffic in staples carried during the five weeks ending 29th September 1900 as compared with the same period of 1899.

STAPLES.	1899.		1900.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Weight.	Freight.	Weight.	Freight.	Weight.	Freight.	Weight.	Freight.
	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.
Apparel, including drapery, haberdashery, millinery, uniforms, accoutrements, boots and shoes	6,484	7,088	15,063	19,708	9,479	12,618	.....	.....
Coal & Coke carried for the public and foreign railways	1,08,30,483	15,84,994	1,30,48,190	17,55,738	12,06,706	1,68,809	.....	.....
Cotton—	63,556	40,977	22,608	10,297	.....	.....	40,948	29,780
(1) Raw	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(2) Manufactured—	6,369	6,145	3,440	3,561	.....	.....	2,929	2,584
(a) Twist & Yarn, European	58,280	22,497	49,774	18,513	.....	.....	8,456	3,964
(b) Ditto, Indian	1,29,020	1,16,380	1,26,267	1,32,473	.....	17,093	3,333	.....
(c) Piece-goods, European	19,303	14,106	30,105	13,254	802	.....	.....	880
(d) Ditto, Indian	.....	.....	2,888	2,203	2,888	2,203	.....	.....
(e) Others	.....	.....	3,074	2,015	3,074	2,015	.....	.....
Chemicals excepting saltpetre	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Drugs—	1,453	1,382	452	361	.....	.....	1,001	1,021
1.—Intoxicating, other than opium	15,422	11,821	5,138	5,613	.....	.....	10,344	6,208
1.—Non-intoxicating	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dyes and Tans—	9	.....	160	75	160	75	.....	.....
1.—Al (Morinda citrifolia)	335	365	630	364	301	99	.....	.....
2.—Alizarine and aniline dyes	2,332	965	1,608	786	.....	.....	764	179
3.—Cutch	1,080	3,668	1,430	389	.....	.....	480	3,179
4.—Indigo	3,987	1,205	6,611	2,145	2,634	940	.....	.....
5.—Myrabolans	.....	.....	1,184	203	1,184	203	.....	.....
6.—Tanning barks	10,961	5,340	4,397	2,068	.....	.....	6,634	691
7.—Turmeric	1,268	226	4,667	3,014	3,199	2,788	.....	.....
8.—Others	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fodder—	85,383	13,403	79,501	12,383	.....	.....	5,822	1,100
1.—Oil-cake	.....	.....	11,046	2,703	11,046	2,703	.....	.....
2.—Hay, straw and grass	19,240	6,230	6,311	2,389	.....	.....	12,929	3,841
Fruits and vegetables, fresh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grains and Pulse—	10,83,173	1,81,023	6,81,285	1,04,801	.....	.....	4,01,888	76,132
1.—Wheat	50,293	13,514	42,316	9,341	.....	.....	7,977	4,173
2.—Wheat flour	2,01,315	32,902	65,310	8,505	.....	.....	1,43,105	24,167
3.—Rice in the husk	7,72,240	1,69,298	5,69,615	1,37,794	.....	.....	2,16,005	31,604
4.—Rice not in the husk	86,622	13,500	6,342	843	.....	.....	78,680	12,717
5.—Jowar and Bajra	14,83,672	4,43,069	5,42,477	1,39,620	.....	.....	9,51,195	3,11,340
6.—Gram & pulse	4,19,784	97,328	1,45,457	18,918	.....	.....	2,74,327	79,306
7.—Others	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hides and Skins—	73,136	43,709	66,731	19,502	.....	.....	16,405	23,236
1.—Hides of cattle	25,613	14,247	17,301	7,885	.....	.....	8,312	6,362
2.—Skins of sheep, &c.	2,934	1,283	1,276	400	.....	.....	1,658	877
Horns	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hemp (Indian) and other fibres (excluding jute)	24,441	4,673	4,535	1,143	.....	.....	19,906	3,329
Jute—	1,44,040	38,163	1,33,374	31,429	.....	.....	11,276	16,733
1.—Raw	1,25,417	62,645	63,686	25,167	.....	.....	71,551	37,468
2.—Gunny-bags and cloth	66,369	37,104	69,688	29,188	.....	.....	16,236	7,916
Lac	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leather—	7,876	9,018	4,516	6,879	.....	.....	3,359	2,139
1.—Unwrought	3,089	1,835	803	996	.....	.....	2,286	839
2.—Wrought excepting boots and shoes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liquors—	15,851	5,477	10,354	3,420	.....	.....	5,497	2,057
1.—Ale and Beer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2.—Spirits of all kinds, including country spirit	2,361	1,344	2,097	2,307	.....	963	261	.....
3.—Wines	2,927	4,143	2,046	3,497	.....	.....	281	646
4.—All other sorts, including toddy and fermented liquor, other than ale and beer	164	33	657	528	503	495	.....	.....
Metals—	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1.—Brass, unwrought	1,451	1,884	3,305	1,382	1,855	.....	.....	.....
2.—Do., wrought	18,504	7,601	24,464	9,294	4,990	1,793	.....	.....
3.—Copper, unwrought	249	268	1,291	349	1,042	81	.....	.....
4.—Do., wrought	1,067	727	932	1,185	.....	458	85	.....
5.—Iron and steel—	18,260	5,310	9,576	1,162	.....	.....	8,675	4,153
(a) Cast	23,239	2,012	14,972	2,615	.....	163	23,567	.....
(b) Unwrought	88,287	44,453	1,01,136	36,524	12,851	.....	.....	7,929
(c) Wrought	38,634	17,936	32,931	10,813	.....	.....	6,603	6,223
(d) Manufactures of iron and steel	1,268	983	2,718	1,760	800	707	.....	.....
6.—Zinc and spelter	13,007	10,147	11,279	5,157	.....	.....	1,728	1,990
7.—Others	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oil—	1,16,148	40,700	1,35,701	45,029	19,553	4,320	.....	.....
1.—Kerosine	3,632	1,092	5,392	1,523	1,740	431	.....	.....
2.—Castor	6,770	1,972	4,925	1,440	.....	.....	1,146	538
3.—Coconut	9,965	8,209	10,342	4,018	377	809	.....	.....
4.—Mustard and rape	6,980	8,640	5,226	2,479	.....	.....	1,434	1,061
5.—Others	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oilseeds—	46,968	12,314	38,420	8,073	.....	.....	10,539	4,271
1.—Castor	14	6	7	4	.....	.....	7	.....
2.—Earthnuts	6,46,917	1,76,935	1,34,387	33,628	.....	.....	5,10,430	1,43,367
3.—Linseed	41,260	11,807	30,441	8,186	.....	.....	10,819	3,621
4.—Poppy	2,26,085	54,540	1,35,370	44,947	.....	.....	90,659	9,898
5.—Rape and mustard	13,025	8,398	7,761	1,239	.....	.....	5,264	2,088
6.—Til or jinjili	34,844	8,712	6,698	2,103	.....	.....	28,246	6,609
7.—Others	616	351	208	594	.....	243	.....	.....
Opium	24,470	12,267	24,731	9,990	261	.....	.....	2,268
Paper and pasteboard	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Provisions—	23,093	9,754	20,932	8,331	.....	.....	2,161	1,423
1.—Dried fruits and nuts	52,274	33,948	44,777	44,801	.....	11,913	3,497	.....
2.—Ghee	91,522	20,800	66,431	19,673	.....	.....	26,091	10,826
3.—Potatoes	1,23,717	40,809	39,179	15,967	.....	.....	84,538	24,443
4.—Others	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Railway plant & rolling-stock carried for the public & foreign railways—	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1.—Locomotives, engines and tenders and parts thereof	8,904	1,901	600	265	.....	.....	8,358	1,636
2.—Carriages and trucks and parts thereof	8,604	1,682	2,781	4,703	.....	3,211	4,823	.....
3.—Materials—	8,715	3,489	17,748	648	9,033	.....	.....	2,841
(a) Steel rails and fish-plates	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(b) Sleepers and keys of steel and cast-iron	27,977	12,170	10,853	5,679	.....	.....	17,124	6,491
(c) Other sorts	1,00,877	21,913	1,04,353	10,209	.....	.....	86,523	11,614
Salt	3,59,292	80,604	5,34,525	69,776	1,45,233	.....	.....	10,239

1872 SUPPLEMENT TO THE CALCUTTA GAZETTE, NOVEMBER 21, 1900.

STAPLES.	1899.		1900.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Weight.	Freight.	Weight.	Freight.	Weight.	Freight.	Weight.	Freight.
Saltpetre and other saline substances—	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.
1.—Saltpetre	37,566	15,080	32,968	12,167	.....	2,117	4,898	.....
2.—Other saline substances	34,874	9,075	32,995	10,070	.....	395	1,879	.....
Silk, raw—								
1.—Foreign	9	1	19	21	10	20	.....	.....
2.—Indian	941	543	1,345	1,129	304	586	.....	.....
Silk piece-goods—								
1.—Foreign	11	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	31
2.—Indian	178	283	179	370	.....	87	.....	.....
Spices—								
1.—Betelnuts	20,804	17,677	20,042	16,373	.....	.....	762	1,404
2.—Cardamoms	1,308	1,006	310	303	.....	.....	898	703
3.—Chillies	12,137	8,091	5,777	3,189	.....	.....	6,360	3,902
4.—Ginger	3,194	1,298	788	506	.....	.....	2,406	787
5.—Pepper	3,780	2,162	2,906	1,895	.....	.....	884	337
6.—Others	2,282	926	2,606	1,091	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stone and lime	5,61,216	88,986	5,57,302	80,838	644	103	33,854	5,398
Sugar—								
1.—Refined	18,691	9,005	35,417	14,044	16,726	5,039	.....	.....
2.—Unrefined—								
(a) Sugar	1,08,313	24,302	91,802	22,731	.....	5,419	18,511	.....
(b) Cur. rub. jaggree, molasses and other saccharine produce	1,10,400	18,060	90,457	14,087	.....	2,027	19,943	.....
Tees—								
1.—Foreign	.....	.....	29	42	.....	.....	.....	.....
2.—Indian	4,774	3,107	3,511	2,042	29	42	.....	.....
Tobacco	52,728	18,193	44,318	19,921	.....	1,728	1,203	465
Wood—								
1.—Timber, unwrought	1,26,176	20,546	89,389	13,511	.....	.....	36,787	7,035
2.—Manufactures	14,842	5,850	17,064	6,551	2,222	.....	.....	308
Wool—								
1.—Raw	3,228	958	2,430	1,230	.....	972	798	.....
2.—Manufactured—								
(a) Carpets and rugs	892	1,196	1,483	858	601	.....	.....	336
(b) Piece-goods, European	1,750	2,643	845	1,013	.....	.....	906	1,629
(c) Ditto, Indian	3,781	4,119	1,830	2,636	.....	.....	1,951	1,484
(d) Other sorts of manufactures	.....	.....	1,909	1,809	.....	.....	.....	.....
All other articles of merchandise—								
1.—Bones	33,425	7,713	33,896	5,522	.....	.....	10,023	3,191
2.—Firewood	23,879	2,233	11,935	448	.....	.....	31,844	1,785
3.—Indigo seed	13,318	5,739	11,708	4,304	.....	.....	1,614	1,428
4.—Paints and colours	11,508	4,474	2,677	1,096	.....	.....	8,831	3,478
5.—Seeds other than oilseeds	43,968	18,207	37,340	19,008	.....	1,401	5,628	.....
6.—Others	6,04,423	1,22,688	8,97,783	2,59,738	2,33,300	1,97,050	.....	.....
Total	2,01,08,940	40,74,709	1,83,62,407	34,71,578	.....	.....	17,44,543	6,03,391
Military stores	46,771	53,088	38,223	51,412	.....	.....	10,548	2,376
Coal for railway	16,54,635	1,83,118	13,89,995	1,66,907	.....	.....	2,64,640	23,311
Railway materials	22,74,602	80,111	23,44,334	64,859	5,69,722	.....	.....	15,552
Live-stock	.....	20,445	.....	4,287	.....	.....	.....	26,183
Total	2,40,84,957	43,67,131	2,26,84,949	36,97,812	.....	.....	16,50,008	6,63,513

T. JACKSON, for Assistant Auditor.
TRAFFIC AUDIT OFFICE, GOODS DIVISION, JAMALPUR, 16th November 1900.

Weekly Return of Traffic Receipts on Indian Railways.

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 3rd November 1900, on 1,837.09 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
	(a)	Rs. A. P. (a)	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P. (b)	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	343,474	3,98,881 9 0	50,84,524 30	9,56,516 0 0	21,340 0 0	13,76,746 9 0	107,156	185,814	292,970
Or per mile of railway ...	.....	217 2 0	.....	520 10 9	11 9 11	740 6 8	.....	.....	.....
For previous 17 weeks of half-year ...	5,974,493*	66,09,094 11 0*	7,84,05,252 30†	1,38,16,226 2 0†	3,50,374 0 0‡	3,06,75,094 13 0	1,830,392§	3,034,241§	4,864,533§
Total for 18 weeks ...	6,317,906	69,07,976 4 0	8,35,40,777 30	1,47,72,742 2 0	3,71,723 0 0	2,10,52,441 6 0	1,937,449	3,220,059	5,157,508
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	279,671	3,61,869 1 9	46,96,427 0	9,99,509 9 4	27,227 8 0	13,88,608 2 1	100,840‡	193,727‡	294,567
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	.....	211 8 7	.....	534 5 0	16 14 8	811 12 3	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 18 weeks of previous year ...	5,800,070‡	60,30,397 14 0	7,91,04,398 0	1,45,39,644 8 5	4,30,942 1 4	2,10,00,884 7 9	1,737,003‡	3,109,505‡	4,846,508‡

(a) The increase is due to the movements of pilgrims and of passengers to the Sonapur fair.

(b) The decrease is chiefly due to heavier upwards despatch of food-grains in the corresponding period of 1899.

* Added No. of passengers 960 and Rs. 19,376 † On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 15th

‡ Do. Mds. 2,64,970 and deducted " 1,25,163 § September 1900.

§ Audited figures up to 15th September 1900.

1900.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899.

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.	
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
1,837.15	Week ended 7th July	420,005	4,05,653	47,00,058	9,20,211	21,804	14,16,727	772	308,408	Rs. A. P.
1,837.15	" " 14th "	382,685	3,75,903	49,63,181	9,21,659	22,241	13,10,806	719	297,447	4 3 6
1,837.09	" " 21st "	337,210	3,53,782	47,94,842	8,65,140	19,696	12,68,426	685	297,511	4 7 0
1,837.09	" " 28th "	344,710	3,46,133	50,80,339	9,27,090	19,378	12,92,669	704	294,959	4 3 8
1,837.09	" " 4th Aug.	362,321	4,61,735	45,19,233	8,21,084	18,857	12,93,578	704	290,428	4 6 1
1,837.09	" " 11th "	367,079	4,02,927	49,65,767	8,32,708	11,165	12,56,354	684	289,428	4 7 3
1,837.09	" " 18th "	344,207	3,60,027	44,25,720	7,51,090	19,230	11,30,247	620	293,476	4 4 6
1,837.09	" " 25th "	323,975	3,33,103	46,60,273	7,62,204	24,415	11,19,794	610	285,813	3 15 11
1,837.09	" " 1st Sept.	334,175	4,00,793	45,34,079	7,85,339	21,068	12,67,180	657	276,893	4 0 8
1,837.09	" " 8th "	410,043	4,27,736	47,53,338	8,08,090	21,055	12,57,491	643	277,093	4 5 3
1,837.09	" " 15th "	380,111	3,98,045	47,41,475	7,94,861	19,229	11,78,325	644	291,731	4 5 0
1,837.09	" " 22nd "	304,897	3,37,208	38,37,345	6,65,197	30,742	10,13,147	541	282,461	4 3 9
1,837.09	" " 29th "	306,087	4,02,474	36,52,385	6,38,784	20,723	10,41,980	578	267,355	3 12 6
1,837.09	" " 6th Oct.	344,778	3,82,430	37,29,032	6,64,854	20,601	10,67,945	541	268,357	4 1 5
1,837.09	" " 13th "	326,126	3,50,219	44,07,315	8,01,639	20,747	11,72,002	634	282,053	3 13 8
1,837.09	" " 20th "	353,167	3,80,238	54,36,803	9,83,770	21,418	13,55,426	754	290,727	4 1 10
1,837.09	" " 27th "	308,507	3,68,596	45,93,903	8,46,084	20,810	13,35,090	673	294,736	4 15 0
1,837.09	" " 3rd Nov.	343,474	3,98,882	50,84,525	9,56,516	21,340	13,76,747	749	292,970	4 3 1
Totals up to date ...		6,317,906	69,07,976	8,35,40,778	1,47,72,743	3,71,723	2,10,52,442	607	5,157,508	4 4 3

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899—concluded.

1899.

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.	
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
1,710.67	8 days of July	425,807	4,51,371	45,59,139	8,06,080	16,093	13,77,124	747	307,818	Rs. A. P.
1,710.67	Week ended 15th July	363,619	3,51,066	43,17,029	6,97,306	13,140	10,52,402	615	294,018	4 3 6
1,710.67	" " 22nd "	346,546	3,37,019	35,12,074	6,09,241	13,086	9,56,336	590	276,052	4 1 0
1,710.67	" " 29th "	305,690	3,05,465	34,35,290	5,78,387	12,913	8,96,754	524	235,652	3 19 11
1,710.67	" " 5th Aug.	308,202	3,31,852	39,50,345	6,39,140	14,859	9,86,891	576	243,941	4 0 8
1,710.67	" " 12th "	313,033	3,01,993	37,29,186	6,43,691	13,916	9,40,699	555	244,078	3 14 1
	Adjustments on account of previous period.				1,70,137*	45,829†	2,15,963	.....	.....	.....
1,710.67	" " 19th Aug.	306,970	3,01,935	39,30,581	6,57,599	29,701	9,72,295	568	243,174	4 0 0
1,710.67	" " 26th "	313,596	3,78,351	41,21,908	6,89,028	24,138	9,91,417	580	240,401	3 15 7
1,710.67	" " 2nd Sept.	289,303	2,07,592	48,51,418	7,70,919	21,316	10,66,890	625	254,879	4 3 1
1,710.67	" " 9th "	291,974	2,07,092	40,78,914	8,16,056	22,599	11,06,641	647	264,104	4 3 1
1,710.67	" " 16th "	316,413	3,31,326	44,47,788	8,50,448	22,371	12,04,065	704	277,338	4 3 4
1,710.67	" " 23rd "	345,177	3,74,256	43,67,570	9,12,071	22,802	13,04,129	703	286,129	4 9 1
1,710.67	" " 30th "	326,546	3,38,116	59,82,751	9,51,598	19,806	13,04,480	703	286,476	4 8 11
1,710.67	" " 7th Oct.	337,449	3,64,030	46,70,178	9,56,735	29,452	13,50,226	749	298,389	4 8 5
1,710.67	" " 14th "	331,308	3,52,629	47,90,397	8,89,685	31,069	13,73,373	744	295,163	4 7 8
1,710.67	" " 21st "	293,494	3,42,679	46,00,587	9,03,951	34,008	12,70,698	743	292,407	4 8 0
1,710.67	" " 28th "	305,345	3,83,031	53,31,358	10,09,143	32,810	14,25,094	833	307,361	4 12 8
1,710.67	" " 4th Nov.	279,671	3,61,869	46,96,427	9,99,570	27,227	13,38,066	812	292,298	4 10 9
Totals up to date ...		5,800,071	60,30,397	7,91,04,398	1,45,39,644	4,30,942	2,10,00,884	677	4,846,509	4 5 4

* Rs. 1,70,137—Added on account of rebate on coal deducted from returns from 1st July to 12th August 1899.

† 45,826—Ditto ditto of mileage and demurrage not having been included in returns from 1st July to 12th August 1899.

‡ Audited figures.

TARKESSUR BRANCH RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 3rd November 1900, on 22.23 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	TOTAL.
	(a)	Rs. A. P.	Mds. s.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	24,615	6,008 14 0	50,518 0	1,302 1 0	8 0 0	7,318 15 0	1,107	81	1,188
Or per mile of railway ...	1,105	270 4 11	2,272 0 0	58 9 3	0 5 9	329 3 10	50	4	54
For previous 17 weeks of half-year	342,708	81,223 13 0	8,87,397 0 1	10,597 7 0 1	128 0 0 2	91,919 4 0	18,401 5	1,474 5	19,876
Total for 18 weeks	367,324	87,232 11 0	4,37,915 0	11,899 8 0	136 0 0	99,238 3 0	19,508	1,555	21,063
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year	30,210 1	4,784 11 2	14,383 0	808 0 0	3 0 3	5,595 11 5	1,085	371	1,456
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year	1,373	215 15 9	649 0 0	36 5 7	0 3 2	254 7 8	50	8	58
Total for corresponding 18 weeks of previous year	343,908	80,981 13 9	2,30,589 0	8,519 6 0	153 15 3	89,554 3 0	19,616	2,215	21,831

(b) The increase is in outward passengers traffic, chiefly from Haripal and Tarkessur stations.

Deducted No. of passengers 60 and

Ditto Mds. 29,554 and

Ditto

Audited figures up to 5th September 1900.

On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 15th September 1900.

1900.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899.

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No. Rate.
22-23	Week ended 7th July	20,128	6,050	9,031	209	7	7,266	317	1,188
22-23	" " 14th "	22,489	7,452	12,537	459	7	7,918	356	1,200
22-23	" " 21st "	10,989	4,895	9,946	441	10	5,356	236	1,188
22-23	" " 28th "	10,106	4,590	19,915	492	10	6,032	236	1,188
22-23	" " 4th Aug.	18,774	4,516	8,298	243	8	4,864	219	1,188
22-23	" " 11th "	19,867	4,780	19,074	428	6	5,194	234	1,188
22-23	" " 18th "	15,963	5,513	6,795	296	4	3,803	171	1,188
22-23	" " 25th "	15,357	2,809	8,183	375	11	3,655	164	1,188
22-23	" " 1st Sept.	14,775	3,614	6,748	350	0	3,970	179	1,188
22-23	" " 8th "	18,791	4,430	16,923	275	7	4,712	212	1,188
22-23	" " 15th "	22,000	4,740	8,368	366	7	5,113	230	1,188
22-23	" " 22nd "	13,371	3,783	34,313	488	4	4,279	193	1,188
22-23	" " 29th "	17,487	4,384	38,001	661	8	4,993	225	1,188
22-23	" " 6th Oct.	23,108	6,069	44,940	971	8	7,048	317	1,188
22-23	" " 13th "	20,696	6,063	47,288	1,107	5	6,178	278	1,188
22-23	" " 20th "	20,126	4,834	55,277	1,385	8	6,227	303	1,188
22-23	" " 27th "	19,568	4,893	40,025	1,241	8	6,142	276	1,188
22-23	" " 3rd Nov.	24,615	6,009	50,518	1,302	8	7,319	329	1,188
	Totals up to date	367,324	87,233	4,37,915	11,899	136	99,238	246	21,063

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899—concluded.

1899.

		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No. Rate.
22-23	5 days of July	21,246	6,025	8,049	322	13	6,360	296	1,437
22-23	Week ended 15th July	21,605	4,702	47,285	445	16	5,256	236	1,392
22-23	" " 22nd "	23,415	5,142	13,329	345	7	5,497	247	1,188
22-23	" " 29th "	17,331	3,874	8,001	915	6	4,795	216	1,241
22-23	" " 5th Aug.	16,073	3,789	5,320	357	12	4,169	187	1,188
22-23	" " 12th "	17,367	3,969	5,951	401	4	4,374	197	1,188
22-23	" " 19th "	17,948	4,135	15,614	347	9	4,491	202	1,188
22-23	" " 26th "	16,365	3,696	7,189	324	5	4,025	181	1,188
22-23	" " 2nd Sept.	15,719	3,699	6,490	376	11	3,979	179	1,188
22-23	" " 9th "	18,830	4,805	10,231	428	7	4,830	217	1,188
22-23	" " 16th "	18,864	4,105	9,382	393	5	4,597	207	1,253
22-23	" " 23rd "	16,061	3,809	17,189	440	9	4,260	192	1,188
22-23	" " 30th "	16,764	4,517	16,331	559	9	4,879	219	1,188
22-23	" " 6th Oct.	19,719	4,701	12,176	592	9	5,392	242	1,188
22-23	" " 13th "	23,449	6,173	9,579	423	16	6,611	297	1,034
22-23	" " 20th "	18,058	4,539	6,616	291	6	4,830	217	1,034
22-23	" " 27th "	20,067	4,950	15,694	727	6	5,683	266	1,188
22-23	" " 3rd Nov.	24,610	4,735	14,393	808	8	5,546	249	1,466
	Totals up to date	343,908	80,882	2,30,529	8,510	153	89,554	222	21,831

DELHI-UMBALLA-KALKA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 3rd November 1900, on 162.24 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week (per mile of railway)	18,488	Rs. A. P. 23,487 9 0	Mds. a. 1,32,951 10	Rs. A. P. 13,723 8 0	Rs. A. P. 84 0 0	Rs. A. P. 37,285 1 0	7,842	3,682	11,524
For previous 17 weeks of half-year	250,473	2,35,682 7 0	24,60,405 10†	1,41,173 11 0†	1,317 0 0‡	3,77,972 3 0	116,608§	66,208§	182,816
Total for 18 weeks	268,961	2,59,069 0 0	25,93,356 20	1,54,896 13 0	1,281 0 0	4,15,227 3 0	124,450	70,000	194,450
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year	16,659†	22,062 13 5	1,04,004 10	15,701 6 0	59 8 9	37,813 12 2	7,712	3,685†	11,397†
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year	.....	135 14 10	.....	96 12 6	0 5 10	233 1 2	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 18 weeks of previous year	307,250	3,00,671 8 11	16,12,131 10	2,29,570 1 4	1,250 0 3	5,24,491 5 6	132,290	61,620†	193,910†

† Deducted number of passengers 234 and Rs. 1,000 On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 15th September 1900.
 ‡ Added Mds. 94,063 " " 708
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 Audited figures up to 15th September 1900.

1900.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899.

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.	
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
1899-24	Week ended 7th July	10,538	21,178	88,170	11,160	84	32,410	200	11,870	2 11 4
1899-24	" " 14th "	20,239	20,632	98,489	10,400	68	31,100	169	12,904	2 6 7
1899-24	" " 21st "	11,922	10,254	46,874	4,904	70	16,278	84	9,672	1 9 3
1899-24	" " 28th "	12,805	9,655	3,08,023	6,865	83	16,501	102	9,190	1 12 9
1899-24	" " 4th August	12,601	9,444	44,541	3,464	91	14,317	88	9,023	1 9 2
1899-24	" " 11th "	12,967	10,375	3,03,601	8,843	42	18,329	118	10,402	1 11 1
1899-24	" " 18th "	13,755	10,375	1,27,627	4,870	84	15,526	94	9,297	1 10 5
1899-24	" " 25th "	13,443	8,500	2,44,593	5,734	65	14,287	88	8,836	1 9 10
1899-24	" " 1st Sept.	13,448	9,284	5,60,569	5,945	59	15,188	94	9,114	1 10 8
1899-24	" " 8th "	14,097	12,060	1,60,245	7,109	118	20,187	124	11,969	1 13 1
1899-24	" " 15th "	13,108	14,666	1,79,383	8,589	75	23,163	145	12,338	1 14 4
1899-24	" " 22nd "	12,740	12,741	74,638	7,080	64	19,904	128	11,967	1 10 7
1899-24	" " 29th "	16,245	16,252	87,164	9,070	64	23,386	166	11,776	2 2 6
1899-24	" " 6th Oct.	16,068	16,492	1,00,238	11,762	62	24,346	175	12,077	2 3 7
1899-24	" " 13th "	16,377	16,601	1,05,440	11,263	63	27,887	172	11,572	2 6 7
1899-24	" " 20th "	16,946	17,180	1,10,084	11,460	63	28,713	177	11,806	2 6 11
1899-24	" " 27th "	14,436	18,945	1,11,182	12,743	64	31,761	166	11,780	2 11 2
1899-24	" " 3rd Nov.	18,488	23,487	1,32,951	13,724	84	37,285	230	14,694	3 5 0
	Totals up to date	268,961	2,59,069	25,93,356	1,54,896	1,281	4,15,227	142	194,450	2 1 10

* Audited figures.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899—concluded.

1899.

		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
1899-24	8 days of July	23,211	19,776	79,881	9,176	95	30,047	179	11,855	2 6 11
1899-24	Week ended 15th July	20,339	17,554	61,713	8,853	60	26,473	163	9,983	2 10 7
1899-24	" " 22nd "	16,720	16,140	64,324	7,189	48	22,363	139	10,314	2 3 1
1899-24	" " 29th "	18,029	13,768	65,995	10,569	70	24,427	151	10,117	2 6 8
1899-24	" " 5th August	17,305	13,675	64,246	8,743	65	23,480	145	9,767	2 6 6
1899-24	" " 12th "	16,075	13,507	76,899	10,698	45	24,145	149	9,935	2 6 11
1899-24	" " 19th "	17,497	13,744	76,677	10,938	63	24,739	153	10,362	2 6 3
1899-24	" " 26th "	16,937	14,458	1,14,725	12,029	59	33,213	205	10,948	2 3 4
1899-24	" " 2nd Sept.	14,692	12,563	1,05,179	10,043	59	28,066	177	10,714	2 10 10
1899-24	" " 9th "	16,099	13,747	1,01,259	10,045	79	33,471	147	11,818	2 1 9
1899-24	" " 16th "	16,810	17,083	1,40,439	18,330	112	39,466	219	12,183	2 14 9
1899-24	" " 23rd "	16,608	25,374	1,07,670	12,156	75	37,003	232	13,722	2 11 10
1899-24	" " 30th "	16,314	18,625	77,745	10,931	45	29,401	182	10,086	2 13 2
1899-24	" " 7th Oct.	16,465	16,799	80,855	14,372	95	30,266	187	10,189	2 14 8
1899-24	" " 14th "	16,077	17,307	84,908	12,931	66	30,204	187	9,924	2 16 10
1899-24	" " 21st "	16,936	16,715	75,700	12,057	60	28,832	171	10,774	2 11 6
1899-24	" " 28th "	16,339	19,907	80,880	14,307	71	34,285	211	11,867	3 5 1
1899-24	" " 4th Nov.	15,659	22,063	1,04,004	16,701	60	37,813	233	11,867	3 5 1
	Totals up to date	307,250	3,00,671	16,12,131	2,29,570	1,250	5,24,491	176	1,93,910	2 11 4

SOUTH BEHAR RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 3rd November 1900, on 78.76 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	9,380	Rs. A. P. 4,978 8 0	Mds. s. 33,680 70	Rs. A. P. 2,089 5 0	Rs. A. P. 41 0 0	Rs. A. P. 7,118 13 0	1,888	553	2,441
Or per mile of railway ...	.....	63 8 4	.....	26 10 6	0 6 4	90 6 2	.....	.....	.....
For previous 17 weeks of half-year ...	205,271	1,07,537 9 0*	5,51,091 0	37,088 4 0†	488 0 0‡	1,46,063 13 0	20,301§	14,930§	44,230
Total for 18 weeks ...	214,651	1,12,516 1 0	5,64,751 20	39,137 9 0	529 0 0	1,52,182 10 0	21,189	15,512	46,701
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	10,403	5,451 7 3	45,402 0	3,219 7 0	19 7 0	8,690 5 8	954	1,272	2,226
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	.....	69 3 6	.....	40 14 0	0 3 11	110 5 5	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 17½ weeks of previous year ...	168,902‡	85,045 6 11	5,60,663 10	42,720 3 0	325 10 2	1,28,001 3 11	21,060‡	6,807‡	27,868

* Added number of passengers 6,159 and Rs. 3,976 } On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 15th
† Deducted Mds. 12,125 " 651 } September 1900.
‡ Added " " }
§ Audited figures up to 15th September 1900.

1900.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899.

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.	
		Number of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate. Rs. A. P.
78.76*	Week ended 7th July ...	13,402	6,457	37,723	2,056	32	8,578	109	2,363	3 10 1
78.76*	" " 14th " ...	12,989	6,245	37,208	2,577	30	8,841	112	2,384	3 13 11
78.76*	" " 21st " ...	11,683	5,432	36,570	2,335	36	7,703	93	2,394	3 6 0
78.76*	" " 28th " ...	12,331	7,733	38,302	1,550	30	9,309	118	2,305	4 3 7
78.76*	" " 4th August ...	10,394	5,220	31,001	2,117	15	7,352	93	2,305	5 5 4
78.76*	" " 11th " ...	10,570	4,708	32,909	1,891	15	6,604	84	2,363	3 13 9
78.76*	" " 18th " ...	9,546	4,348	25,820	1,810	9	6,171	78	2,757	3 3 10
78.76*	" " 25th " ...	9,136	4,266	31,693	2,646	12	6,907	85	2,677	2 9 4
78.76*	" " 1st Sept. ...	9,472	4,390	34,809	2,405	11	6,915	89	2,678	2 8 0
78.76*	" " 8th " ...	16,890	7,378	32,453	2,137	13	9,505	119	2,679	5 6 0
78.76*	" " 15th " ...	19,023	11,043	16,093	1,558	46	12,649	161	3,160	4 0 3
78.76	" " 22nd " ...	12,685	7,010	27,984	2,095	45	9,150	116	2,767	3 5 1
78.76	" " 29th " ...	16,483	10,866	32,140	2,420	40	13,343	169	2,509	5 2 2
78.76	" " 6th Oct. ...	10,966	6,741	30,592	2,135	43	8,919	113	2,766	3 3 9
78.76	" " 13th " ...	9,645	5,270	39,550	3,040	42	8,361	108	2,383	3 15 3
78.76	" " 20th " ...	9,943	5,049	33,875	2,339	43	7,430	94	2,756	3 11 2
78.76	" " 27th " ...	10,080	5,622	32,370	2,013	41	7,675	97	2,914	3 10 2
78.76	" " 3rd Nov. ...	9,380	4,978	33,661	2,089	41	7,118	90	2,441	2 14 8
	Totals up to date ...	214,651	1,12,516	5,64,752	39,137	529	1,52,182	107	46,701	3 4 2

* Audited figures.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899—concluded.

1899.

		Number of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate. Rs. A. P.
88.00	4 days ended 8th July ...	1,486	417	242	23	1	441	7	590	1 3 1
76.79	Week ended 15th " ...	8,287	4,240	17,382	1,568	12	5,818	76	1,694	5 5 10
78.76	" " 22nd " ...	9,773	4,442	19,385	1,901	13	6,356	81	1,113	5 11 4
78.76	" " 29th " ...	8,000	3,344	16,793	1,504	10	5,358	69	1,113	4 19 0
78.76	" " 5th August ...	9,445	4,795	16,885	1,237	25	6,057	77	1,113	5 7 1
78.76	" " 12th " ...	8,190	3,824	20,547	1,430	30	5,290	67	1,113	4 12 1
78.76	" " 19th " ...	7,160	3,200	20,070	2,100	17	5,303	70	1,113	4 15 1
78.76	" " 26th " ...	8,128	3,607	20,686	2,348	17	6,029	77	1,113	5 6 8
78.76	" " 2nd Sept. ...	8,675	5,121	30,781	3,818	25	7,962	101	1,113	7 3 5
78.76	" " 9th " ...	7,099	3,718	37,360	3,149	25	6,163	78	1,272	4 13 6
78.76	" " 16th " ...	10,686	4,641	47,790	3,149	12	7,802	90	1,590	4 14 6
78.76	" " 23rd " ...	13,607	6,780	34,414	2,880	17	9,657	123	2,345	4 0 9
78.76	" " 30th " ...	14,059	8,030	41,304	3,913	15	11,658	147	2,236	5 3 1
78.76	" " 7th Oct. ...	12,086	7,397	37,324	3,205	39	10,452	133	2,236	4 11 3
78.76	" " 14th " ...	9,422	4,643	40,508	3,051	21	8,696	109	2,236	3 13 9
78.76	" " 21st " ...	9,468	4,931	46,274	2,740	14	7,675	97	2,236	3 7 3
78.76	" " 28th " ...	10,431	5,414	37,306	3,261	13	8,686	110	2,236	3 14 5
78.76	" " 4th Nov. ...	10,403	5,451	45,402	3,219	20	8,690	110	2,226	3 14 6
	Totals up to date ...	168,903	85,045	5,60,663	42,720	325	1,28,001	93	27,868	4 2 7

EASTERN BENGAL STATE RAILWAY.

(INCLUDING N. B., K. D., DACCA, AND ASSAM-BEHAR SECTIONS.)

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 10th November 1900, on 843 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (including ferry).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	374,920	Rs. A. P. 1,38,910 0 0	Mds. s. 1,197,000 0	Rs. A. P. 2,77,830 0 0	Rs. A. P. 14,120 0 0	Rs. A. P. 4,30,680 0 0	35,600	51,514	87,014
Or per mile of railway ...	326	165 0 0	1,421 0	329 0 0	1 0 0*	495 0 0*	...	...	...
For previous 18 weeks of half-year† ...	3,839,675	18,02,683 0 0	20,751,104 0	42,51,210 0 0	3,15,233 0 0	63,90,125 0 0	632,184	833,876	1,461,060
Total for 19 weeks ...	4,114,595	19,41,593 0 0	21,948,004 0	45,58,840 0 0	3,29,352 0 0	63,29,785 0 0	657,684	890,390	1,548,074
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	344,788	1,30,108 0 0	1,131,055 0	2,65,089 0 0	17,359 0 0	4,02,504 0 0	35,988	48,463	84,450
Or per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	294	144 0 0	1,356 0	318 0 0	2 0 0	484 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	3,802,408	18,18,167 0 0	20,868,358 0	43,16,347 0 0	3,50,439 0 0	64,84,953 0 0	631,235	829,931	1,511,166

* Excluding steamer earnings.

† Audited up to 8th September 1900.

DACCA STATE RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 10th November 1900, on 86 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	38,460	Rs. A. P. 9,130 0 0	Mds. s. 74,700 0	Rs. A. P. 8,170 0 0	Rs. A. P. 70 0 0	Rs. A. P. 17,370 0 0	2,480	3,510	5,990
Or per mile of Railway ...	831	106 0 0	869 0	95 0 0	1 0 0	202 0 0	...	...	...
For previous 18 weeks of half-year* ...	449,049	1,43,211 0 0	795,083 0	70,887 0 0	7,536 0 0	2,21,634 0 0	45,210	35,350	80,560
Total for 19 weeks ...	477,509	1,52,341 0 0	869,843 0	70,957 0 0	7,606 0 0	2,30,004 0 0	47,690	38,869	86,559
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	29,680	9,400 0 0	52,121 0	6,950 0 0	135 0 0	16,575 0 0	1,952	2,891	4,843
Or per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	345	110 0 0	606 0	81 0 0	2 0 0	193 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	451,343	1,30,994 0 0	814,402 0	73,598 0 0	10,229 0 0	2,23,821 0 0	51,801	33,797	85,598

* Audited up to 8th September 1900.

COOCH BEHAR STATE RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 10th November 1900, on 33·73 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (including ferry).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	9,340	Rs. A. P. 1,870 0 0	Mds. s. 7,160 0	Rs. A. P. 740 0 0	Rs. A. P. 20 0 0	Rs. A. P. 2,830 0 0	400	436	836
Or per mile of railway ...	188	55 0 0	212 0	23 0 0	.....	77 0 0*	...	...	...
For previous 18 weeks of half-year† ...	38,632	15,303 0 0	122,680 0	14,416 0 0	2,012 0 0	21,731 0 0	5,040	13,701	18,840
Total for 19 weeks ...	44,972	17,173 0 0	130,020 0	15,156 0 0	2,032 0 0	24,861 0 0	5,440	14,297	19,676
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	3,457	886 0 0	15,855 0	1,079 0 0	159 0 0	2,074 0 0	328	760	1,088
Or per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	75	25 0 0	473 0	83 0 0	.....	53 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	40,006	13,300 0 0	103,061 0	14,900 0 0	2,363 0 0	20,463 0 0	6,513	10,477	22,990

* Excluding coaching ferry.

† Audited up to 8th September 1900.

MYMENSINGH-JAGANNATHGANJ RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 10th November 1900, on 53·37 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	10,450	2,500 0 0	41,540 0	2,190 0 0	30 0 0	4,720 0 0	1,005	578	1,583
Or per mile of railway ...	196	47 0 0	775 0	41 0 0	1 0 0	89 0 0	...	...	...
For previous 18 weeks of half-year ...	159,230	38,504 0 0	2,61,965 0	26,112 0 0	609 0 0	65,085 0 0	19,075	8,032	25,107
Total for 19 weeks ...	169,710	40,954 0 0	2,03,295 0	28,302 0 0	639 0 0	69,805 0 0	20,080	9,410	29,490
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	5,492	1,138 0 0	11,778 0	592 0 0	10 0 0	1,700 0 0	668	865	1,533
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	102	21 0 0	218 0	11 0 0	...	32 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	71,918	16,806 0 0	88,968 0	4,370 0 0	120 0 0	20,795 0 0	12,107	8,578	20,685

* Audited up to 8th September 1900.

BRAHMAPUTRA-SULTANPUR RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic and Mileage for the week ended 10th November 1900, on 59 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	6,990	1,980 0 0	21,090 0	2,220 0 0	20 0 0	4,220 0 0	1,560	610	2,160
Or per mile of railway ...	117	34 0 0	357 0	38 0 0	...	72 0 0	...	...	...
For previous 18 weeks of half-year ...	82,615	22,904 0 0	2,31,458 0	23,670 0 0	2,082 0 0	26,556 0 0	16,511	15,854	32,365
Total for 19 weeks ...	89,545	24,884 0 0	2,52,548 0	25,990 0 0	2,092 0 0	28,776 0 0	18,061	16,464	34,525
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	2,014	606 0 0	12,458 0	651 0 0	10 0 0	1,267 0 0	190	280	470
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	31	25 0 0	603 0	38 0 0	...	51 0 0	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	29,777	8,648 0 0	1,40,257 0	7,027 0 0	153 0 0	15,828 0 0	3,878	12,097	15,975

* Audited up to 8th September 1900.

BENGAL AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ending 10th November 1900, on 1,162 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated), including steam-boat.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			
Total traffic for the week on 1,162 miles open ...	304,130	(a) 1,25,540	3,13,110	(b) 43,240	(c) 15,610	(a) 1,84,400	40,298	(d) 18,066	58,364
Or per mile of railway ...	261·73	108·04	269·40	37·23	13·43	158·69	...	...	...
For previous 18 weeks of half-year ...	2,666,604	9,03,418	24,96,494	8,37,039	1,08,772	10,99,233	589,016	446,323	1,035,339
Total for 19 weeks ...	2,970,736	10,08,952	28,09,604	8,80,289	2,14,362	12,63,623	608,912	464,297	1,073,209
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year on 1,085 miles open ...	121,894	47,514	4,84,644	60,937	9,040	1,17,491	26,099	(d) 25,838	51,937
Per mile of corresponding week of previous year ...	111·68	43·80	446·68	56·16	8·33	108·29	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	2,451,710	8,99,739	1,16,59,773	12,50,990	2,54,637	24,05,366	491,044	518,894	1,010,938

(a) Increase under coaching and other earnings is due to Sonapur and Ajodhya melas.

(b) Decrease under goods is due to the traffic last year being abnormal.

(c) No ballast trains run in this week.

(d) Includes 4,214 miles of ballast trains run on open line.

SEGOWLIE-RAKSAUL BRANCH RAILWAY.

(WORKED BY THE B. & N.-W. RAILWAY.)

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ending 10th November 1900, on 18 miles open

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Passengers carried.	Receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
	No.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			
Total traffic for the week on 18 miles open ...	2,349	380	11,004	304	15	709	207	81	288
Or per mile of railway ...	130'50	21'67	661'33	20'22	0'83	42'72	.....	.....	.....
For previous 18 weeks of half-year ...	15,560	2,405	77,247	2,353	72	4,260	2,665	509	3,174
Total for 18 weeks ...	17,909	2,785	88,151	2,747	87	5,029	2,872	590	3,462
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year on 18 miles open ...	853	147	10,294	258	2	402	170	82	252
Per mile of corresponding week of previous year ...	47'33	8'16	571'80	14'07	0'09	22'32	.....	.....	.....
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	2,002	418	38,943	1,049	78	1,575	408	270	738

SEGOWLIE-RAKSAUL BRANCH RAILWAY.

(WORKED BY THE B. & N.-W. RAILWAY.)

Audited Return of Traffic for week ending 29th September 1900, on 18 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings.	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Passengers carried.	Receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
	No.	Rs. A. P.	Mds.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week on 18 miles open ...	803	120 11 10	3,283	81 0 0	3 6 0	205 16 10	135	27	162
Or per mile of railway ...	44'61	6 11 4	182'72	4 8 6	0 5 0	11 6 10	.....	.....	.....
For previous 13 weeks of half-year ...	8,114	1,288 4 1	30,233	1,275 9 6	45 7 0	2,609 4 7	1,046	406	2,032
Total for 13 weeks ...	8,917	1,408 15 11	42,522	1,357 2 6	48 13 0	2,814 15 5	1,781	433	2,214
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year on 18 miles open ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Per mile of corresponding week of previous year ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

ASSAM-BENGAL RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 3rd November 1900, on 397 miles open for all descriptions of Traffic, and an additional 39 miles for goods and parcels traffic only.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	No. of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Mds. s.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Total traffic for the week ...	35,053	21,704 0 0	2,26,458 0	17,371 0 0	668 0 0	30,743 0 0	4,063	8,956	13,049
Or per mile of railway ...	90'56	54'67	519'40	30'24	1'53	96'04	10'23	20'61	31'84
For previous 17 weeks of half-year ...	434,053	2,56,658 0 0	37,37,971 0	2,24,540 0 0	14,700 0 0	4,96,088 0 0	55,035	141,798	196,833
Total for 18 weeks ...	470,004	2,78,362 0 0	39,64,329 0	2,42,011 0 0	15,468 0 0	5,35,831 0 0	60,098	150,754	209,852
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	24,176	10,544 0 0	2,10,701 0	15,326 0 0	298 0 0	32,068 0 0	3,163	8,069	11,227
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	64'13	45'88	566'24	30'24	0'77	83'69	8'40	20'77	29'17
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	400,483	2,48,745 0 0	43,41,847 0	3,40,412 0 0	14,489 0 0	4,98,649 0 0	61,376	139,289	200,665

* Includes audited figures for week ended 15th September 1900.

FINANCIAL YEAR.

Approximate Statement of Gross Receipts of the Assam-Bengal Railway.

RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING 3RD NOVEMBER 1900.			RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING 4TH NOVEMBER 1899.			TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 1ST APRIL 1900 TO 3RD NOVEMBER 1900.			TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 1ST APRIL 1899 TO 4TH NOVEMBER 1899.			Total increase in 1899.	Total decrease in 1900.
Mean mileage worked.	Receipts.	Per mile worked.	Mean mileage worked.	Receipts.	Per mile worked.	Mean mileage worked.	Total receipts.	Per mile worked per week.	Mean mileage worked.	Total receipts.	Per mile worked per week.		
496	Rs. 39,743	Rs. 98'04	384	Rs. 32,098	Rs. 83'89	436	Rs. 9,35,776	.....	388	Rs. 8,62,632	.....	Rs. 51,144	Rs.

DARJELING-HIMALAYAN RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Approximate earnings for the week ending 10th November 1900	...	...	Rs.	A.	P.
Ditto for the corresponding period of 1899	...	...	16,686	0	0
Decrease	...	...	18,116	0	0
			1,430	0	0
Receipts per mile for the week ending 10th November 1900	...	...	327	2	6
Ditto for the corresponding period of 1899	...	...	355	3	2
Decrease	...	...	28	0	8
Receipts from 1st July to 10th November 1900	2,89,870	0	0
Ditto for the corresponding period of 1899	2,81,305	0	0
Increase	8,565	0	0

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RESOLUTION REVIEWING THE DIVISIONAL REPORTS ON THE
WORKING OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN BENGAL
DURING 1899-1900.

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT—LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT.

Calcutta, the 23rd November 1900.

RESOLUTION—No. 3216L.S.-G.

READ—

The Reports from the Commissioners of Divisions on the working of the District Boards in Bengal during 1899-1900.

Read again—

The Resolution reviewing the Divisional Reports on the working of the District Boards in Bengal during 1898-99.

THERE has been no change during the year under review in the number of District and Local Boards in Bengal, and the area controlled by them also remained the same. Since the close of the year, the provisions of the Bengal Local Self-Government Act, III of 1885, have been extended to the districts of Hazaribagh, Ranchi, Palamau and Manbhum, and a Local Board has been formed in the Alipur subdivision of the district of Jalpaiguri.

2. *Constitution of District Boards.*—On the 31st March last the 38 District Boards contained in all 796 members against 795 in 1898-99. The difference of one in the total strength of members was due to the fact that the seat of one elected member of the Khulna District Board remained vacant throughout the year 1898-99. One hundred and ninety-one out of these 796 members were appointed *ex-officio*, 271 were appointed by Government and 334 were elected by the Local Boards, as compared with 186, 281 and 328, respectively, in 1898-99; of these 251 were officials and 545 non-officials. European and Eurasian members numbered 196 and natives of the country 600. During the year 575 meetings were convened, or 20 more than in 1898-99. The District Board of Saran heads the list with 27 meetings, Puri comes next with 23, and Rangpur follows with 21. On the other hand, the District Boards of Rajshahi and Monghyr met only 11 times during the year, and no explanation has been given of their neglect of the rule that a meeting shall be held at least once a month. The attendance was best in Hooghly and Saran, and worst in Jalpaiguri and Puri. The average attendance of official members at each meeting was the same as that of the previous years, viz., 3·6, and that of the non-official members was 7 against 6·9 in 1898-99. The improvement noticed last year in the declining number of meetings which had to be adjourned or which proved abortive for want of a quorum, was maintained during the year, the figures being 45, 52 and 61, respectively, for the three years 1899-1900, 1898-99 and 1897-98.

3. *Constitution of Local Boards.*—The 105 Local Boards contained, on the 31st March last, 1,261 members, or 2 more than in the previous year. Of these, 46 were *ex-officio* members, 832 were nominated, and 383 elected, as compared with 39, 803 and 417, respectively, in 1898-99. Officials numbered 155 and non-officials 1,106, while the total of Europeans and Eurasians amounted to 113 against 1,148 natives of the country. The total number of meetings held was 1,218, or 111 more than in 1898-99. Of these, 200, as compared with 187 in the previous year, had to be adjourned or proved abortive, owing to failure to form a quorum. Fifty one Local Boards, as against 63 in the previous year, failed to meet once a month, and 5 of these, viz., Hajipur, Sitamarhi, Thakurgaon, Nowgong and Dinapore, held only 5 meetings, or less, during the year. The Dinapore Local Board held only 3 meetings during the year, of which 1 was adjourned, and no attempt has been made to explain why so few meetings were held. There was a slight improvement generally in the

attendance of non-official members, that of the official members being the same during the past two years.

4. *Elections.*—General elections of members of Local Boards were held in three subdivisions of the district of Midnapore and in all the four subdivisions of the district of Patna. On the latter the Commissioner makes no remarks, while in the former district the principal feature of the elections was the indifference displayed by the voters, who, the Commissioner considers, are quite content to leave matters to their superiors. The same feature is noticeable with regard to the various bye-elections held during the year, which appear to have aroused little or no interest.

5. *Occupation of members.*—The occupations of the members of the District and Local Boards are shown in the statement below:—

	GOVERNMENT SERVANTS.		ZAMINDARS, TALUKDARS, AND ZAMINDAR'S SERVANTS.		PLEADERS AND MUKHTARS.		PLANTERS.		MISSIONARIES.		GOVERNMENT PENSIONERS.		OTHERS.		Total number of members.
	Number.	Ratio per cent.	Number.	Ratio per cent.	Number.	Ratio per cent.	Number.	Ratio per cent.	Number.	Ratio per cent.	Number.	Ratio per cent.	Number.	Ratio per cent.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
District Boards	248	31.2	255	32.0	174	21.9	59	7.4	4	.5	11	1.6	45	5.4	796
Local ..	162	12.1	548	43.5	351	27.9	52	4.1	4	.3	34	2.7	119	9.4	1,201

There has been no material change in the composition of the Boards. Zamindars, as last year, furnished the largest proportion of members of both District and Local Boards, and next to them come Government servants in the case of District Boards, and pleaders and mukhtars in the case of Local Boards.

6. *Powers of Local Boards.*—The only changes in respect of the powers of Local Boards were the withdrawal of the management and supervision of village roads from the Local Boards in Murshidabad and the delegation of the maintenance of certain district roads to the Local Boards in Pabna. The powers of the Local Boards in Mymensingh, as regards administration of the grants for primary education, were also withdrawn to some extent during the year. In the districts of the Patna Division a proposal is under consideration to re-classify several of the roads, and to withdraw all roads costing on an average over Rs. 10 a mile from the management of the Local Boards and place them in charge of the District Engineer.

7. *Union Committees.*—The table below shows the constitution, income and expenditure of the several Unions:—

No.	Name of Union.	Date of establishment.	Area in square miles.	Population.	Number of members.	Number of meetings held.	Opening balance.	INCOME.					Total income including opening balance.	EXPENDITURE.					Closing balance.
								Receipts under the Cattle-trespass Act.	Contribution by the District Board.	Receipts under section 118 of the Act.	All other receipts.	Total.		From receipts under the Cattle-trespass Act.	From contribution by the District Board.	From receipts under section 118 of the Act.	From all other receipts.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
WAN OH.	Memari ...	1st January 1896 ...	13	10,323	9	...	Rs. 544	...	207	...	...	Rs. 207	Rs. 811	...	073	...	...	Rs. 673	Rs. 189
	Mankar ...	1st " " " "	12	10,473	9	4	412	...	246	...	...	246	688	...	427	...	...	427	201
	Baddipur ...	1st " " " "	10	5,922	9	2	286	...	150	...	...	150	420	...	280	...	...	286	150
	Bagnapara ...	1st " " " "	10	7,160	9	2	505	...	45	...	...	45	550	...	394	...	...	594	166
	Srikhanda ...	1st " " " "	8	8,560	9	1	390	...	100	...	...	100	490	...	396	...	...	396	100
	Sribati ...	1st " " " "	10	11,300	9	4	354	...	100	...	...	100	654	...	312	...	...	3.2	148
NO.	Total ...	...	62	53,078	54	13	2,527	...	808	...	...	808	3,435	...	2,498	...	...	2,498	647
	Contal ...	1st July 1895 ...	7½	12,771	7	8	...	101	735	...	...	836	836	101	735	...	...	836	200
	Jara ...	1st September 1895 ...	10	10,536	9	3	...	100	450	...	...	519	519	...	419	...	...	419	9
	Panakura ...	14th June 1895 ...	13	12,467	9	4	...	106	481	...	...	587	587	...	378	...	...	574	9
	Pingla ...	13th September 1895 ...	Not known.	10,464	9	3	6	65	500	...	...	565	571	32	563	...	...	535	36
	Lowada ...	25th August 1895 ...	10	6,904	9	7	804	150	800	...	...	450	1,254	...	800	...	...	800	464
	Total ...	...	...	53,118	47	25	810	501	2,460	...	...	3,057	3,867	138	3,035	...	...	3,103	690

DISTRICT.	Name of Union.	Date of establishment.	Area in square miles.	Population.	Number of members.	Number of meetings held.	Opening balance.	INCOME.					Total income including opening balance.	EXPENDITURE.				
								Receipts under the Cattle-taxes Act.	Contribution by the District Board.	Receipts under section 118 of the Act.	All other receipts.	Total.		From receipts under the Cattle-taxes Act.	From contribution by the District Board.	From receipts under section 118 of the Act.	From all other receipts.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
BURDWAN DIVISION—continued.																		
Mooghly ...	Pandua ...	8th December 1895	4	6,518	0	0	Rs. 59	Rs. 160	Rs. 456	...	...	Rs. 616	Rs. 675	...	Rs. 675	...	...	Rs. 675
	Balgargh ...	3rd ...	20	16,500	0	1	...	82	108	110	...	300	300	82	108	...	110	300
	Haripal ...	1st July 1895	2	5,000	7	4	200	...	350	...	...	350	350	...	350	...	...	350
	Chanditala ...	1st ...	10	18,927	7	5	...	76	105	...	...	270	270	75	104	...	...	240
	Hall ...	1st ...	10	12,127	7	4	254	55	200	...	...	255	509	...	24	...	254	278
	Total ...		40	50,970	30	23	518	372	1,309	110	...	1,701	2,301	357	1,351	...	304	2,378
Howrah ...	Jagatballypur ...	31st July 1895	101	16,408	9	8	1	...	45	...	...	450	451	...	451	...	...	451
	Damjur ...	31st ...	81	23,804	9	6	...	...	590	...	...	500	500	...	500	...	...	500
	Hogman ...	31st ...	91	12,677	9	11	...	...	600	...	...	500	511	...	418	...	...	511
	Aura ...	31st ...	11	24,100	9	2	13	...	600	...	...	500	613	...	...	...	...	613
	Total ...		204	76,935	36	27	25	...	1,950	...	...	1,951	1,975	...	1,881	...	...	1,881
	DIVISIONAL TOTAL ...			300,001	172	88	3,875	903	6,633	110	...	7,706	11,581	400	8,755	...	304	9,090
PREMISES DIVISION.																		
Se-Parganas ...	Rasuldebpur ...	11th December 1895	6	5,400	9	11	3	35	600	...	...	655	638	35	600	...	3	638
	Itenda ...	1st July ...	10	13,650	9	8	542	...	...	...	...	...	542	...	...	...	542	542
	Jaduristi ...	1st ...	10	11,922	9	6	231	52	...	...	...	52	201	52	...	...	230	201
	Total ...		26	30,972	27	25	784	87	600	...	...	687	1,471	87	600	...	784	1,471
Nadia ...	Muragacha ...	26th April 1895	10	13,227	9	6	...	...	500	...	...	500	500	...	500	...	...	500
	Kishanganj ...	May ...	10	11,781	7	12	...	...	575	...	...	575	575	...	575	...	...	575
	Chundanga ...	18th April ...	10	8,186	7	4	...	...	525	...	...	525	525	...	517	...	...	517
	Porada ...	26th June ...	6	9,943	7	7	...	...	250	...	...	250	250	...	251	...	...	251
	Total ...		36	42,941	30	29	4	...	1,850	...	...	1,850	1,850	...	1,842	...	...	1,842
Murshidabad ...	Rinkar ...	September 1895	91	4,226	9	4	50	...	400	...	...	400	450	...	50	...	...	50
	Panchthupi ...	...	106	10,140	9	2	231	...	...	...	...	...	230	...	230	...	...	230
	Mirzapur ...	...	121	9,001	9	8	5	...	100	...	...	100	108	...	8	...	...	108
	Dhuliyar ...	...	221	14,105	9	6	...	...	207	...	...	207	207	...	207	...	...	207
	Total ...		559	35,472	36	17	288	...	707	...	...	707	795	...	586	...	...	585
Jessore ...	Keshubpur ...	14th October 1895	171	12,301	9	3	54	...	60	...	10	68	110	...	61	...	...	68
	Gornajola ...	21st November 1895	10	16,555	9	5	37	...	...	...	...	...	37	...	...	...	...	37
	Harinkunda ...	...	8	9,432	9	3	2	...	125	...	...	125	127	...	125	...	...	125
	Benodpur ...	3rd December ...	36	14,709	9	13	4	...	200	...	...	200	204	...	192	...	...	202
	Total ...		714	52,197	45	41	251	...	921	...	10	931	1,182	...	878	...	...	878
Khulna ...	Bonhail ...	16th December 1895	20	11,562	9	11	15	...	583	...	...	583	608	...	488	...	...	608
	Dumuria ...	16th ...	5	2,700	9	8	...	...	507	...	...	507	507	...	507	...	...	507
	Bagrhat ...	...	12	7,000	9	10	...	...	571	...	...	571	571	...	501	...	...	571
	Mulghur ...	...	20	13,040	9	14	...	...	555	...	...	555	555	...	496	...	...	555
	Kulaura ...	16th January 1896	20	9,048	9	3	12	...	558	...	...	558	570	...	501	...	...	570
	Magura ...	16th ...	50	16,068	9	10	12	...	432	...	...	432	444	...	426	...	...	426
	Total ...		127	67,016	54	53	59	...	2,206	...	...	2,206	2,306	...	2,104	...	...	2,104
	DIVISIONAL TOTAL ...		816	3,30,646	192	160	1,300	87	7,434	...	10	7,531	8,897	87	7,090	...	784	7,874
RAICHURI DIVISION.																		
Pabna ...	Shahjadpur ...	1st July 1895	11	4,004	9	4	277	...	200	...	...	200	470	...	...	...	...	...
CHITTAGONG DIVISION.																		
Tippura ...	Laksham ...	1st April 1895	9	10,644	5	5	107	...	500	...	...	500	607	...	499	...	...	499
	Sugul ...	1st ...	10	9,732	5	5	...	...	750	...	...	750	750	...	700	...	...	700
	Navinagar ...	1st ...	10	10,000	5	3	...	...	600	...	...	600	600	...	405	...	...	405
	Matlab ...	1st ...	9	6,602	5	1	...	...	500	...	...	500	500	...	500	...	...	500
	Total ...		38	36,978	20	14	107	...	2,250	...	...	2,250	2,357	...	2,197	...	...	2,197
Noakhali ...	Lakshmipur ...	15th July 1896	13	11,060	6	5	85	...	85	...	18	83	108	...	141	...	...	141
	Hatia ...	15th ...	17	13,311	6	6	30	...	110	...	...	110	140	...	97	...	...	97
	Sandip ...	15th ...	12	9,295	6	4	96	...	108	...	9	147	243	...	194	...	...	194
	Fenny ...	15th ...	10	9,612	6	5	...	...	300	...	...	300	300	...	300	...	...	300
	Total ...		60	43,277	24	21	311	...	613	...	27	640	851	...	732	...	...	732
	DIVISIONAL TOTAL ...		97	80,375	44	35	310	...	2,863	...	27	2,890	2,306	...	2,920	...	...	2,920
ORISSA DIVISION.																		
Balasore ...	Jellapore ...	1st September 1896	10	10,564	9	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	30	...	...	...	...	...
	Berhampore ...	1st ...	10	10,573	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Berhampore ...	1st ...	10	10,490	9	...	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Soro ...	1st ...	10	10,419	9	2	...	...	300	...	...	200	200	...	136	...	...	136
	Bhadrak ...	1st ...	16	11,843	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...		50	53,539	45	5	110	...	200	...	...	200	310	...	136	...	...	136
	GRAND TOTAL ...			608,465	408	292	5,946	1,080	17,830	110	37	18,027	24,475	577	18,910	...	1,148	20,044

The number of Unions was reduced from 57 to 56 by the abolition of the Chandpur Union in the district of Tippera in consequence of the establishment of a Municipality there. The number of the members of Union Committees and the number of meetings held show respectively a decrease of 7 and 14, as compared with the previous year. The total income also declined from Rs. 22,865 to Rs. 18,527, and the expenditure from Rs. 21,388 to Rs. 20,644. Thirty out of the 56 Unions expended the whole or nearly the whole amount which was at their disposal, while no expenditure was incurred during the year by the Gorapata Union in the district of Jessore, by the Shahjadpur Union, the only Union in the Rajshahi Division, and by four out of the five Unions in the district of Balasore. In the case of Shahjadpur it is stated that there was no Chairman for some months, that the members did not take sufficient interest in their work, and that consequently the allotments placed at the disposal of the Union were not utilised. As regards the five Unions in the district of Balasore, it is reported that the Jellasure, Berhampore and Bhadrak Unions did not hold any meeting during the year, and that although the Remimoo Union held two meetings, it practically did nothing. The Union at Soro is said to have done something. The Commissioner of Burdwan remarks that the closing balance of each Union Committee in the district of Burdwan is too large, and shows that their income, small as it is, is not fully utilised. It is reported that the Union Committees in the district of Midnapore have, on the whole, done better work during the year, and that a change for the better is perceptible in the attitude of the Local Boards towards these bodies. The Pandua and Balagarh Unions in the district of Hooghly worked satisfactorily, but the Haripal and Chanditala Unions have not been favourably reported on. The Chairman of the Howrah District Board states that the Union Committees in his district do not seem to have improved so far as keeping of accounts is concerned, and that they try to ignore the Local Board. The Basudebpur Union in the 24-Parganas, all the Unions in Nadia, and the Keshubpur, Kalia, Benodpur and Harinakunda Unions in Jessore are said to have worked well. The Magistrate of Murshidabad reports that the system of Union Committees in his district is practically a failure. The Chairman of the Brahmanbaria Local Board remarks that the Union Committees have, during the year under review, worked better than in the preceding year, and that the Sarail Union Committee is showing signs of life. The Union Committees at Lakshmipur, Hatiya and Sandip are said to have done their best to improve the sanitation of the localities in their charge, and to have taken a great deal of interest in the execution of the works entrusted to them. The Chairman of the Fenny Local Board states that the members of the Fenny Union showed a little more interest than in the preceding year, and that they have spent judiciously the whole of the grant allotted to them. It is evident that, as an administrative agency, Unions are neither necessary nor useful, while, regarded as a medium for education in the art of Self-Government, their success has at most been faint and partial.

8. *Financial results.*—The income and expenditure of the District Boards under the chief heads during the past two years are shown in the following statement:—

INCOME.		1898-99.	1899-1900.
		Rs.	Rs.
VI.—Provincial Rates	...	39,64,562	41,34,825
XII.—Interest	...	48,079	50,039
XVII.—Police (including Pounds)	...	4,49,151	4,52,028
XIX.—Education	...	64,928	66,074
XX.—Medical	...	30,831	35,312
XXI.—Scientific and other Minor Departments	...	7,734	7,753
XXIII.—Stationery and Printing	...	712	726
XXV.—Miscellaneous	...	2,24,373	2,10,836
XXVI.—Railways	...	Nil	31,932
XXX.—Irrigation—Minor Works and Navigation	...	13,008	14,982
XXXII.—Civil Works (including Ferries)	...	9,04,817	12,30,288
Contributions	...	5,24,989	5,25,628
Debt	...	4,56,988	5,18,653
Total	...	66,90,172	72,79,076

EXPENDITURE.			
		1898-1899.	1899-1900.
		Rs.	Rs.
1.—Refunds	... ..	Nil	Nil
18.—Administration	... ..	2,66,557	2,80,355
20.—Police (Pounds)	... ..	18,374	21,749
21.—Marine	... ..	8,245	4,654
22.—Education	... ..	11,81,413	12,25,700
24.—Medical	... ..	3,98,686	3,86,357
26.—Scientific and other Minor Departments	... ..	29,904	21,445
29.—Superannuation Allowances and Pension	... ..	8,524	19,471
30.—Stationery and Printing	... ..	32,858	34,572
32.—Miscellaneous	... ..	40,071	45,915
33.—Famine Relief	... ..	4,697	2,728
43.—Minor Works and Navigation	... ..	1,333	1,015
45.—Civil Works	... ..	40,16,886	42,91,725
Contributions	... ..	2,60,170	1,81,464
Debt	... ..	3,89,308	4,39,831
Interest on Debt	... ..	17,389	29,075
Total	... ..	66,74,415	69,86,056

The year opened with a credit balance of Rs. 18,02,190 against Rs. 17,86,437 in the previous year. The receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 72,79,076 against Rs. 66,90,172 and the charges to Rs. 69,86,056 against Rs. 66,74,415. At the close of the year 1899-1900, there was thus a credit balance of Rs. 20,95,210, of which Rs. 1,89,115 consisted of deposits against Rs. 1,52,799 in the previous year. The actual closing balances were more than half of the year's income in Rangpur and more than one-third in Hooghly, Dinajpur, Jalpaiguri, Bogra, Dacca, Faridpur, Gaya and Darbhanga. No reason for keeping so large a balance has been given in the cases of Hooghly and the several districts of the Rajshahi Division. Satisfactory explanations have been rendered of the heavy balances of the Dacca and Darbhanga District Funds. As regards Faridpur, it is merely stated that the Board could not, for various reasons, incur expenditure up to the estimated amount. In the case of Gaya, it appears that, although the attention of the District Board was specially drawn to the matter by the Commissioner of the Division, there has been no improvement during the year.

INCOME.

9. *Provincial rates.*—This item of revenue represents the proceeds of the road cess less the cost of collection and revaluation. The increase of receipts from Rs. 39,64,562 to Rs. 41,34,825 is shared by 25 out of the 38 District Boards, and is due, as usual, to improved collections and to revaluations.

10. *Interest.*—The income under this head shows an increase of Rs. 1,960, which is attributed, as in the preceding year, to the larger collection of arrears of road cess.

11. *Pounds.*—There was an increase of 44 in the total number of pounds under the management of District Boards, but a decrease of Rs. 1,517 in the total income derived from them. The decrease was largest in the Rajshahi Division, and occurred in all the districts, except Rangpur. All the districts of the Presidency Division, except the 24-Parganas, also show a decrease, and it is attributed to the falling off in the competition for pounds and to bad collections. Inspection of pounds was conducted in the same manner as usual, and disclosed the usual delinquencies on the part of pound farmers, which were dealt with according to circumstances. There was no change in the procedure observed in granting leases of pounds. In some districts the farmers are said to be becoming used to the revised pound forms, while in others the usual difficulty of enforcing their use continued to be felt.

12. *Education.*—The income under this head rose from Rs. 64,928 to Rs. 66,074. It is satisfactory to note that all the districts of the Burdwan Division without exception share in the increase, which is ascribed chiefly

to a larger collection of school fees and of fees at the lower primary examinations and to larger donations.

13. *Medical*.—The receipts under this head advanced from Rs. 30,831 to Rs. 35,312, the bulk of the increase accruing in Mymensingh, Midnapore, the 24-Parganas, and Purneah. Increased contributions towards the Gewankhali dispensary account for the increase in Midnapore. The increase in Mymensingh was due to larger contributions made by private individuals and better collection of subscriptions. In the 24-Parganas, it is attributed chiefly to the transfer of the management of the Port Canning and Taki dispensaries to the District Board and to the special contribution received for the maintenance of the Chandkhali dispensary in Khulna. In Purnea, it is ascribed to the Srinagar estate having contributed Rs. 1,000 for the establishment of two dispensaries in that zamindari.

14. *Scientific and other Minor Departments*.—*Stationery and Printing*.—The increase under two these heads is slight, and calls for no remarks.

15. *Miscellaneous*.—There was a decrease of Rs. 13,537 in the income under this head. The falling off is noticeable chiefly in Chittagong, Muzaffarpur, and Cuttack. In the case of Chittagong, it is said to be due to the smaller collection of rent from the ijardars of certain road-side lands who objected to pay their dues on the ground that their lands were made unfit for cultivation by deep pits made in them in repairing the roads, and to there being no sale of road-side trees during the year. The decrease in Muzaffarpur is ascribed to smaller realizations of fees, fines and forfeitures, and that in Cuttack to the fact that in the previous year the sale proceeds of a promissory note of Rs. 1,000 were shown under this head which swelled the figures for that year.

16. *Railways*.—The sum of Rs. 31,932 shown against Howrah represents the Board's share of the profits from the Howrah-Amta Light Railway. The success of this undertaking is very gratifying, and should stimulate other Boards to encourage the promotion of well-considered schemes of local communication.

17. *Minor Works and Navigation*.—A sum of Rs. 225 was realised as rent of the fishery in the drainage channel along the Diamond Harbour Road against Rs. 179 in the previous year. The receipts from canal revenue in Chittagong also increased from Rs. 12,826 to Rs. 14,757, and is attributed to the improved circumstances of the people.

18. *Civil Works*.—The income shown under this head is derived from ferry receipts and contributions for specified works. The former of these rose from Rs. 4,36,007 to Rs. 4,61,932, and the largest increase was in the Rajshahi Division, Rangpur alone showing an increase of nearly Rs. 10,000. This increase is attributed to better collections. The largest decrease was in Patna, and is ascribed chiefly to remissions granted to ghat farmers for losses sustained by them during the prevalence of plague. Inspections of ferries were conducted as usual, and disclosed a certain number of causes for complaint which, however, is not unreasonably high. The receipts from contributions, principally from Government, vary from year to year according to the Provincial Works entrusted to local bodies for execution. In the year under review they amounted to Rs. 7,39,061 as against Rs. 4,41,509 in 1898-99.

19. *Contributions*.—The annual contributions made by Government to equalise the assets and charges of the several District Boards, that is, the contributions which were fixed by Government to meet certain branches of expenditure made over to District Boards on their constitution, and which have been from time to time increased *pari passu* with the expenditure in question, amounted to Rs. 5,12,348 against Rs. 5,12,108 in the previous year.

20. *Loans*.—The District Board of Chittagong obtained from Government a loan of Rs. 30,000 to enable them to repair the damages done by the cyclone of October 1897 to roads and bridges. The sum of Rs. 1,50,000 shown against Darbhanga represents the amount borrowed by the District Board from Government for the construction of pontoon bridges in the district.

21. *Deposits and advances*.—The sums deposited as security for the payment of revenue by ferry farmers, contractors, and others and the recoveries and adjustments on account of advances made from District Funds decreased from Rs. 4,22,934 to Rs. 3,38,653. The decrease was due to casual variations of no special importance.

EXPENDITURE.

22. *Administration.*—The expenditure under this head increased from Rs. 2,66,557 to Rs. 2,80,355. The increase is attributed to the raising of the percentage levied for audit by Government from one-half to three-fourths per cent., the grant of annual increments to employés, purchase of furniture, appointment of additional clerks, and heavier expenditure on account of travelling allowances.

23. *Police.—Cattle Pound Charges.*—The expenditure on cattle pounds amounted to Rs. 21,749 against Rs. 18,374 in 1898-99. The largest increase was in Monghyr, and is said to be due chiefly to the construction and repairs of pound-houses, which were undertaken during the year. Increased expenditure accompanied by decreased receipts is an unsatisfactory feature, and it behoves all supervising officers to keep a watchful eye on this branch of the Board's administration.

24. *Marine.*—The outlay under this head decreased from Rs. 8,245 to Rs. 4,654. The decrease in Pabna has not been explained; that in Noakhali was mainly due to the reduction of the subsidy paid for the steam service between Barisal and Ichakhali; and that in Malda to the payment of a smaller amount during the year to the farmer of the Rajmahal ferry for plying a steamer between Rajmahal and English Bazar during the rainy season.

25. *Education.*—The following abstract, which has been compiled from Appendix B, shows the educational expenditure of District Boards during the last two years:—

				1898-99.	1899-1900.
				Rs.	Rs.
<i>Inspection.</i>					
Sub-Inspectors	...	...	...	1,81,898	1,97,093
Inspecting Pandits	...	...	...	86,755	87,106
<i>Direct Management.</i>					
Training and other Special Schools	...	...	...	32,508	33,639
High Schools	...	...	...	1,400	1,450
Middle "	...	...	...	76,156	77,826
Primary "	...	...	...	6,623	6,117
<i>Aided Schools.</i>					
Training and other Special Schools	...	...	...	5,534	7,678
High Schools	...	...	...	2,695	4,456
Middle "	...	...	...	1,66,944	1,71,520
Primary "	...	...	...	5,36,895	5,53,680
<i>Scholarships.</i>					
Scholarships	...	...	...	29,365	30,105
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>					
Buildings and Furniture	...	...	...	4,421	3,913
Payments to abolished Schools	...	...	...	7,131	9,881
Examination, Prizes and Rewards	...	...	...	32,559	29,707
Contingent Charges	...	...	...	10,534	11,506
Total	...	...	...	11,81,488	12,25,682

During the past year, there was an increase under all the heads, except "Primary Schools under the direct management of District Boards," "Buildings and Furniture," and "Examination, Prizes and Rewards." The increase was shared by all the districts, except Midnapore, Bogra, Faridpur, Backergunge, Tippera, Patna, Gaya, Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Monghyr, Malda, Cuttack, Puri, and Balasore, the largest increase being in Chittagong. Owing to the introduction of vernacular into the Koran schools for the sake of earning rewards, the number of primary schools in that district increased during the year by 246. Out of the total expenditure on education, 45·7 per cent. was spent on primary schools, 23·2 on inspection, and 20·3 on middle schools.

26. The table below shows the proportion of its ordinary income which each District Board spent during the year on education generally and on primary education in particular.

DISTRICT BOARDS.	1898-99.					1899-1900.				
	Ordinary income.	Total expenditure on education.	Expenditure on primary education.	Percentage of total expenditure on education to ordinary income.	Percentage of total expenditure on primary education to ordinary income.	Ordinary income.	Total expenditure on education.	Expenditure on primary education.	Percentage of total expenditure on education to ordinary income.	Percentage of total expenditure on primary education to ordinary income.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Burdwan Division.										
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
Burdwan	1,52,154	49,496	29,148	27.1	16.0	2,08,159	50,525	29,413	24.8	14.4
Birbhum	93,080	20,034	13,270	21.5	14.2	90,459	21,200	14,174	22.0	14.6
Bankura	1,04,776	31,811	22,228	30.3	21.2	87,114	32,033	22,194	37.3	25.4
Midnapore	2,47,282	82,776	43,456	25.3	17.7	2,05,276	61,305	42,088	23.1	15.9
Hookhy	1,40,595	36,976	23,974	30.2	17.05	1,46,499	37,340	24,011	25.5	16.8
Howrah	70,579	16,812	9,414	32.4	13.3	1,85,606	16,820	10,607	17.0	10.8
Total ...	8,38,436	2,16,905	1,41,890	25.5	16.9	8,97,384	2,10,716	1,43,167	24.4	15.9
Presidency Division.										
24 Parganas	1,70,185	46,210	35,160	27.1	19.4	1,81,086	46,303	33,650	25.5	18.6
Nadia	1,24,040	30,449	17,514	24.8	14.0	1,15,985	32,246	19,355	27.8	16.6
Murshidabad	95,708	18,702	13,070	.....	14.6	95,630	19,049	14,090	19.9	15.3
Jessore	1,41,320	28,215	19,379	19.6	13.7	1,46,005	29,041	20,107	19.9	13.7
Khulna	1,11,384	27,132	17,418	19.9	16.6	1,14,608	27,822	18,012	22.0	15.7
Total ...	6,43,946	1,50,708	1,01,447	24.3	15.7	6,53,464	1,54,401	1,05,728	23.6	16.1
Rajshahi Division.										
Rajshahi	1,22,520	27,550	16,894	22.4	15.4	1,22,844	31,279	21,056	25.4	17.1
Dinajpur	1,23,126	29,393	20,854	23.8	19.9	1,19,100	30,147	21,340	25.3	17.9
Jalpaiguri	1,12,530	14,034	9,606	12.4	8.6	1,12,108	15,000	11,613	14.1	10.3
Rangpur	1,73,813	45,790	27,593	26.4	15.9	2,00,420	50,517	30,663	25.2	15.2
Hogra	60,025	14,431	8,466	21.0	14.1	57,094	14,376	7,880	25.1	13.6
Pabna	83,503	27,781	16,030	20.7	17.7	91,567	32,080	19,040	35.0	20.7
Total ...	6,85,926	1,58,035	1,02,112	23.2	14.9	7,03,211	1,75,211	1,11,641	24.9	15.8
Dacca Division.										
Dacca	1,42,343	45,822	32,520	39.4	22.8	1,45,329	45,308	32,398	31.2	22.3
Mymensingh	2,71,003	52,725	30,020	19.3	13.4	3,11,360	55,323	37,611	17.7	12.1
Faridpur	1,08,862	34,489	23,503	30.0	21.0	1,07,280	32,000	23,353	30.3	21.7
Backergunge	2,53,934	47,605	30,618	18.7	12.05	2,74,534	45,031	30,400	16.7	11.07
Total ...	7,77,042	1,78,151	1,23,357	22.9	15.8	8,38,448	1,79,262	1,23,071	21.3	14.7
Chittagong Division.										
Tippera	1,71,228	51,691	34,562	30.1	20.1	1,05,310	51,121	34,204	30.9	20.7
Noakhali	1,08,850	29,225	21,618	20.8	19.8	1,08,031	29,045	22,143	27.4	20.4
Chittagong	1,47,740	29,246	17,188	15.7	11.0	1,39,211	48,107	24,880	24.5	20.0
Total ...	4,27,827	1,04,162	73,368	24.3	17.1	4,12,552	1,28,273	91,317	31.2	22.1
Patna Division.										
Patna	2,48,600	31,235	24,872	12.5	10.8	2,75,048	29,739	25,082	10.8	9.1
Gaya	2,81,779	32,014	27,311	11.3	9.6	2,67,148	28,441	24,308	10.6	8.7
Shahabad	1,98,838	19,397	15,479	9.7	7.7	2,10,597	19,615	15,007	9.2	7.1
Saran	2,02,162	25,430	19,253	12.5	9.5	2,40,888	25,482	19,176	10.5	7.9
Champaran	1,49,106	18,341	14,511	12.3	9.7	1,10,821	18,084	15,763	16.3	13.1
Muzaffarnur	2,41,320	30,445	25,705	19.0	10.0	2,40,197	29,410	24,733	12.2	10.3
Barbhangha	2,71,557	31,072	25,496	11.4	10.4	2,74,146	29,412	27,024	10.7	10.0
Total ...	15,92,438	1,87,934	1,57,629	11.8	9.8	16,27,840	1,81,663	1,50,713	11.1	9.2
Bhagalpur Division.										
Monghyr	2,18,756	33,171	26,449	15.1	11.6	2,30,804	31,789	24,103	13.7	10.4
Bhagalpur	1,91,579	23,790	19,520	12.4	10.1	1,88,796	26,690	20,357	14.1	10.7
Purnea	1,46,087	21,886	17,913	14.9	12.2	1,41,258	24,907	20,712	17.2	14.3
Malda	57,514	15,389	10,329	27.5	17.9	57,640	15,412	9,658	26.7	16.7
Total ...	6,14,536	94,677	73,311	15.4	11.9	6,21,531	98,798	74,830	15.8	12.03
Orissa Division.										
Outback	1,14,959	41,845	33,154	35.5	28.8	1,24,120	41,367	32,004	33.3	25.7
Balasore	71,989	28,000	21,540	38.9	30.0	60,808	27,032	21,015	38.7	30.1
Parl	56,706	20,031	12,102	35.3	21.3	50,804	19,319	12,095	32.3	20.3
Total ...	2,43,654	89,956	66,896	30.9	27.4	2,53,732	87,718	65,114	34.5	25.6
GRAND TOTAL ...	58,22,905	11,81,483	8,39,910	20.3	14.3	60,08,082	12,25,682	8,66,521	20.4	14.4

The highest place in respect of educational expenditure as a whole is taken by the District Board of Balasore, which spent 38.7 per cent. of its income on this purpose. The District Boards of Bankura, Pabna, Dacca

Khulna, Faridpur, Tippera, Chittagong, Cuttack and Puri also devoted more than 30 per cent. of their income to education, while all the District Boards in the Patna and Bhagalpur Divisions, with the exception of Malda and the District Boards of Howrah, Murshidabad, Jessore, Jalpaiguri, Mymensingh and Backergunge, show an expenditure below 20 per cent. In Shahabad the proportion was only 9·2 per cent. Under primary education Balasore again heads the list with a ratio of 30·1 per cent. In Bankura, Pabna, Dacca, Faridpur, Tippera, Noakhali, Chittagong, Puri and Cuttack, the expenditure was 20 per cent. or more, and in four districts, viz., Patna, Gaya, Shahabad and Saran, it was below 10 per cent. The Commissioner of Rajshahi notices the expenditure on education, especially on secondary education, by the District Boards of his Division as diverting an excessive proportion of the scanty resources of the Boards from objects of more general and pressing necessity. This was especially marked in the case of Pabna. Under section 48 of the Act, the Commissioner has power to revise the budget estimates of any Board in which, in his opinion, excessive or insufficient provision is made for any branch of administration. The evil complained of is therefore within his power to remedy.

27. The statistics given in Subsidiary Table III appended to the departmental Report on Public Education show that the total number of High and Middle schools maintained by District Boards remained the same, viz., 165, but the number of pupils in them declined from 11,383 to 11,244. This decrease in the number of pupils occurred in Middle Vernacular schools only, the number of pupils in Middle English and High schools having increased. The total number of High and Middle schools aided by District Boards, as well as the number of pupils in them, decreased from 988 and 64,664 to 968 and 63,940, respectively, during the year. The total number of upper and lower primary schools for boys maintained by District Boards was 8, as in the previous year, but the number of scholars in them increased from 180 to 194. The total number of such schools aided by those bodies gained both in number and in strength; the figures for the two years being 28,871 and 809,647 in 1898-99 and 29,041 and 824,777 in 1899-1900, respectively. The following table, which compares the number of girls' schools aided by District Boards and the number of pupils attending them during the past two years, shows that there was an increase during the year both in schools and pupils.

	1898-99.		1899-1900.	
	Schools.	Pupils.	Schools.	Pupils.
Upper primary	...	55	53	1,170
Lower "	...	1,589	1,618	27,153
Total	...	1,644	1,671	28,323

The number of industrial schools maintained by District Boards declined from 7 to 6, but the number of scholars in them increased from 352 to 358.

28. The observations of the Director of Public Instruction on the subject of the relations between the District Boards and the Education Department and the working of the Local Boards are quoted below:—

"District Boards.—The relations between the District Boards in the Province and the Education Department continued to be entirely harmonious. The suggestions and recommendations made by the Deputy Inspectors generally received due consideration from the Boards. The following are the only complaints noticed in the Divisional Reports:—

- (1) In the Burdwan Division the Hooghly Board delayed in revising the grants-in-aid to schools and in passing salary and travelling allowance bills of Sub-Inspectors.
- (2) The Board at Midnapore did not award the lower primary scholarships even up to May 1900, but the delay has been ascribed to a suspicion that the marks obtained by examinees in certain centres were tampered with in the course of tabulation, which was supposed to be done with the help of Inspecting Pandits and, in some cases, of outsiders. This arrangement of tabulating marks with the help of irresponsible men is objectionable, and should, therefore, be avoided.

- (3) In the district of Puri certain proposals made by the Deputy Inspector were not accepted, and the examiners appointed in this district for conducting the Lower Primary Scholarship examination were clerks and non-educational officers, who are stated to have been quite unfit to be entrusted with this responsible work.

"Local Boards.—Local Boards were, in some districts, entrusted with the administration of the primary fund and the control of the primary education. In many cases they are reported to be dilatory. In the districts of Murshidabad and Jessore in the Presidency Division, the authority vested in them is more real; they pass stipend and reward bills and make payments by postal money-orders. The members of the Sadar Local Board in the Murshidabad district are also reported to have inspected 77 primary schools under its charge :—

"This," says the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Presidency Division, "is undoubtedly a very satisfactory course for self-governing bodies to ascertain their real wants, and the examples set in Murshidabad should be followed in other districts in which the Local Boards have anything to do with education."

"In the Rajshahi Division three Local Boards in the Rajshahi district and one in Dinajpur are entrusted with the general supervision and control of primary schools. In the Dacca Division, the Local Boards have no control over educational matters. Three Local Boards in Tippera, in the Chittagong Division, are entrusted with the control of stipendiary primary schools, but it is reported they have done nothing during the year which would tend to promote primary education in their jurisdictions. In the Patna Division the Local Boards in the Shahabad district have control over stipendiary primary schools, and in the district of Patna they are vested with the power of making payments to primary schools and to the lower primary scholarship-holders.

"The Local Boards of Monghyr and Bhagalpur in the Bhagalpur Division continue to have charge of primary education under the general control of the District Boards. The Local Boards in Orissa under which the educational functions are limited to the control of the stipendiary primary schools were reported to have done this work fairly well."

29. *Employment of Muhammadans as Sub-Inspectors of Schools.*—In September 1897, a circular was issued enjoining that in certain districts where the Muhammadan population preponderated, a proportion of the Sub-Inspectors of Schools should, if possible, be Muhammadans. Since then the number of Muhammadan Sub-Inspectors of Schools to be employed has been fixed with reference to the proportion of the Muhammadan to the Hindu population of each district, and it has been ruled that until the number fixed is attained, the Boards shall, on the occurrence of every vacancy in the establishment of Sub-Inspectors of Schools, appoint a Muhammadan thereto, provided that a duly qualified candidate was available. In the 24 Parganas, three Muhammadan Sub-Inspectors of Schools were appointed during the year, two in the place of Hindu officers and one in the place of another Muhammadan. In Khulna a new Muhammadan Sub-Inspector was appointed, and placed in charge of a part of the Satkhira subdivision, where the number of primary schools is largest. The District Board of Dacca appointed one Muhammadan Sub-Inspector of Schools during the year. In almost all the districts of the Patna and Bhagalpur Divisions there is a fair proportion of Muhammadan Sub-Inspectors. No remarks on the subject occur in the reports from the Burdwan, Rajshahi and Orissa Divisions. In the other districts no opportunities occurred of giving effect to the wishes of Government.

30. *Special Schools.*—There are few changes to note under this head. The technical school at Nasirabad had to be closed temporarily in consequence of the falling off in the number of boys on the rolls. A boarding-house for the accommodation of pupils of the technical school at Rangpur was started during the year, Rai Bonomali Rai Bahadur of Tarap having borne the cost of construction of the building. The same gentleman has also offered to bear the cost of increased accommodation of the workshop attached to the school. A domestic loom was obtained during the year for the introduction of weaving in the Artizan Department of the school. A seed house was erected for the Sericultural school at Rampur Boalia, at a cost of Rs. 2,000, which was contributed by the Government of India. The District Boards of Muzaffarpur, Gaya, Mymensingh and Backergunge sent up students with scholarships to the Veterinary College at Belgachia, and the District Board of Noakhali awarded a scholarship to a native of the district for the prosecution of his studies at the Calcutta Art School. The District Board of Malda awarded a scholarship to a boy for education in the Rajshahi Diamond Jubilee Industrial School. The District Board of Cuttack provided three

scholarships for technical education, tenable at the Jobra Workshop, and one scholarship tenable in the Sibpur Engineering College. A Madrassa in Dacca was aided by the District Board in consideration of its teaching middle examination standards in addition to its legitimate course of studies in Arabic and Persian.

31. *Female Medical Education.*—Besides the scholarships mentioned in last year's Resolution, the District Board of Pabna granted a stipend of Rs 10 a month to a girl to enable her to prosecute her studies at the Campbell Medical School; the District Board of Dacca a scholarship of Rs 7 to a female student of the Dacca Medical School; and the District Board of Shahabad a scholarship of Rs. 10 to a female student in the Temple Medical School at Bankipore.

32. *Medical.*—The expenditure under this head fell from Rs. 3,98,086 to Rs. 3,86,357. The decrease occurred in the Chittagong and Patna Divisions only, all the other Divisions showing an increase. The largest fall was in the Patna Division, where the decrease is only apparent, being due to the large expenditure incurred by the District Board of Shahabad during the previous year on the construction of the Plague Observation Camp at Chausa, which was subsequently refunded by Government to that body. In the Chittagong Division, the decrease occurred in Tippera alone, and it is owing to the transfer of the charges incurred during the year on account of improvement of water-supply, village sites, &c., from this head to the head "Civil works."

33. The following table compares the number of dispensaries which were wholly maintained or aided by the several District Boards in the Province during the past two years, the expenditure incurred on account of them by those bodies and the ratio borne by the expenditure on medical charity to the ordinary income of each District Board:—

DISTRICT BOARDS.	Number of dispensaries maintained.		Cost of maintenance.		Number of dispensaries aided.		Amount of contributions paid.		Percentage of the total expenditure incurred by District Boards on medical charity and sanitation (excluding expenditure on Plague camps) on their ordinary income.	
	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<i>Burdwan Division.</i>			Rs.	Rs.			Rs.	Rs.		
Burdwan ...	3	2	1,491	1,714	3	3	600	1,000	3.1	2.7
Birbhum ...	...	...	...	...	3	4	2,129	1,996	2.6	3.4
Bankura ...	...	...	...	...	5	5	2,189	2,301	2.0	2.5
Midnapore ...	1	1	820	1,320	8	8	1,302	1,595	1.0	1.4
Hooghly ...	2	2	867	800	2	3	2,054	2,145	3.2	6.1
Howrah ...	...	...	...	...	2	3	3,135	3,811	4.3	8.8
<i>Presidency Division.</i>										
24 Parganas ...	2	4	2,194	3,530	8	8	1,114	1,086	2.1	2.9
Nadia ...	...	...	...	...	7	7	1,580	1,590	1.3	1.2
Murshidabad ...	...	...	...	...	3	3	1,220	1,320	1.3	2.0
Jessore ...	4	4	3,003	2,998	5	5	1,625	1,600	3.1	4.5
Khulna ...	5	6	3,078	4,711	3	2	850	1,040	3.8	6.1
<i>Rajshahi Division.</i>										
Rajshahi ...	8	8	8,089	8,569	...	...	...	...	7.4	7.3
Dinajpur ...	1	1	917	1,266	3	3	2,040	1,150	1.0	2.5
Jalpaiguri ...	...	...	...	...	5	5	1,350	1,455	1.3	1.6
Bangpur	8	...	5,819	6	8	1,640	3,063	1.7	5.0
Bogra ...	4	5	2,911	4,271	3	...	646	...	6.5	7.2
Pabna	6	6	1,219	1,355	2.1	2.5

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	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<i>Dacca Division.</i>										
			Rs.	Rs.			Rs.	Rs.		
Dacca ..	1	1	854	778	5	4	3,610	3,095	3.4	4.3
Mymensingh ..	8	7	6,059	4,144	7	9	2,415	2,907	4.7	4.0
Faridpur ..	...	...	...	...	13	13	4,026	4,223	6.7	12.0
Backergunge ..	29	31	15,085	14,842	6	7	2,423	2,920	8.7	6.1
<i>Chittagong Division.</i>										
Tippera ..	...	10	.....	10,345	11	4	7,504	1,854	20.7	16.0
Noakhali ..	...	10	...	10,400	8	2	7,297	396	8.5	10.2
Chittagong ..	...	...	.....	.....	11	11	6,861	11,085	9.6	13.9
<i>Patna Division.</i>										
Patna ...	7	7	5,709	6,108	4	5	9,300	7,500	8.3	7.3
Gaya ...	1	1	997	771	7	7	9,453	6,327	8.1	4.6
Shahabad ...	...	...	...	...	5	7	2,280	5,320	5.4	3.2
Saran ...	5	5	4,008	4,413	2	2	3,007	3,817	5.9	8.3
Champaran ...	2	2	1,089	1,773	3	4	2,100	2,500	2.2	3.0
Muzaffarpur ...	1	1	605	711	3	3	3,460	3,660	1.8	1.8
Darbhanga ...	...	1	...	586	3	2	1,110	925	0.7	0.5
<i>Bhagalpur Division.</i>										
Monghyr ...	10	10	13,477	14,361	3	3	3,510	3,431	6.9	7.2
Bhagalpur ...	5	5	4,057	4,148	3	4	1,180	1,150	2.8	3.1
Purnea ...	1	3	1,157	2,009	3	8	1,180	3,168	0.5	3.6
Aulda ...	1	2	855	1,111	3	3	2,400	2,683	6.8	7.1
<i>Orissa Division.</i>										
Cuttack ..	4	4	3,780	4,337	3	3	2,069	3,059	6.0	4.4
Balasore ..	3	3	3,132	3,069	...	...	.....	.....	4.5	8.4
Puri ...	4	4	3,201	3,596	1	...	162	.....	8.9	7.2
Total	112	148	88,046	1,22,805	176	174	98,980	96,382	.....	.....

There was a marked increase in the number of dispensaries maintained by District Boards. This was greatest in the Chittagong Division, Tippera and Noakhali showing 10 dispensaries each during the year against none during the preceding year. It appears that certain dispensaries, which in the previous year received aid from the District Boards of these two districts, are now wholly maintained by them. The total cost incurred in maintaining District Board dispensaries increased from Rs. 88,046 to Rs. 1,22,805, while contributions to independent dispensaries fell from Rs. 98,980 to Rs. 96,382. As in the previous year, the District Board of Backergunge maintained the largest number of dispensaries, viz., 31, Tippera, Noakhali and Monghyr following with 10 dispensaries each. The District Board of Faridpur aided the largest number of dispensaries, viz., 13, and although the District Board of Chittagong aided 11 dispensaries only, that body spent the largest sum in granting aid to such institutions. Owing to want of funds, the District Board of Puri had to discontinue their contribution of Rs. 1,000 towards the upkeep of the Pilgrim Hospital there. The District Boards of Midnapore, Nadia, Murshidabad, Jessore, Pabna and all the District Boards in the Dacca Division made special arrangements for providing the inhabitants of cholera-stricken and malarious localities with gratuitous medical attendance and medicines. Medicine chests were distributed to village

panchayats in the district of Backergunge; and in Khulna and each of the districts of the Dacca Division temporary Hospital Assistants were deputed to visit the localities where they were most needed. This is an innovation which has already received the approval of Government, and which the Lieutenant-Governor will be glad to see more widely introduced.

34. *Sanitation.*—Particulars of the sanitary works undertaken by District Boards during the year are given in Form No. IV annexed. The total expenditure of the year decreased from Rs. 1,86,905 to Rs. 1,86,125, as the abstract given in the margin will show. The falling off occurred under all heads except "Other sanitary expenditure." Under the head "Improvement of water-supply,"

	1898-99. Rs.	1899-1900. Rs.
Improvement of water-supply	1,81,641	1,16,822
Ditto of village sites	13,770	9,532
Conservancy of towns and villages	1,280	1,278
Sanitation at fairs	11,736	8,496
Other sanitary expenditure	28,578	50,000
Total	1,86,905	1,86,125

22 District Boards have spent less than during the previous year, the exceptions being Bankura, Hooghly, Howrah, Murshidabad, Jessore, Rajshahi, Jalpaiguri, Rangpur, Pabna, Dacca, Faridpur, Patna, Gaya, Darbhanga, and Purnea. The minimum limit of Rs. 5,000 was attained in three districts only, viz., Backergunge, Mymensingh, and Dacca, while Balasore is reported to have spent nothing and Chittagong only Rs. 126. The divisional reports indicate that there is no very pressing demand for increased expenditure on this object, and that, at least during the year under review, villages generally have been adequately supplied with water. The compilation of lists showing in detail the water-supply in each village of the Province has been generally advanced during the year, and is now, with a few exceptions, complete.

35. Only five District Boards spent money on the improvement of the sites of villages, viz., Jessore, Dinajpur, Tippera, Patna, and Gaya, the largest expenditure having been incurred by the District Board of Tippera, viz., Rs. 7,278. The expenditure on sanitation at fairs is chiefly composed of grants of Rs. 3,648 by the District Board of Saran towards Sonapur and the other smaller fairs in the district; Rs. 2,662 by the District Board of the 24-Parganas towards the Ganga Sagar and Harwa Fairs, and Rs. 1,370 by the District Board of Dacca, towards the Kartik Baruni and Nangalbund Fairs. The greater part of the expenditure on other sanitary objects is accounted for by a contribution of Rs. 18,137 by the District Board of Rangpur for the improvement of the drainage of the town (a charge which should apparently have devolved upon the Municipality and not on the District Board); Rs. 4,000 by the District Board of Shahabad for the maintenance of the Arrah water-works; and contributions from the District Boards of Birbhum, Howrah, Patna, Gaya, Champaran, Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga and Puri towards the cost of plague measures. Two schemes have been set on foot, one in Pabna and the other in Rajshahi, for the drainage of the Chalan and the Cherail bils respectively. Measures for giving effect to the schemes under the Sanitary Drainage Act are being taken in concert with the District Boards concerned. These are the first instances since the Act was passed in which the powers conferred by it have been utilized.

36. *Scientific and other Minor Departments.*—District Boards have but little money to spare for the objects enumerated under this head, and veterinary charges fell from Rs. 7,132 to Rs. 5,859. The District Board of Burdwan continued to maintain the veterinary institution which was opened during the previous year. The total number of animals treated in the institution was 383 against 152 in the previous year, and the number treated in the interior of the district was 417 against 231. The services of the Veterinary Assistant attached to the dispensary are reported to have been very useful, as cattle-disease is very common in the district. In Birbhum a Veterinary Assistant was temporarily appointed during the year for treating cattle in affected areas. A proposal for establishing a Veterinary Hospital at Nasirabad was under consideration during the year. A Veterinary Dispensary was opened at Gaya on the 20th January 1900. The Veterinary Assistant, who was employed by the District Board throughout the year, visited 104 villages and treated 360 animals. The

District Board of Muzaffarpur took over the management of the Veterinary Dispensary at Sitamarhi during the year, but the dispensary was maintained, as before, with the aid of local subscriptions. The total number of animals treated was 434. Two Veterinary Assistants were deputed to suppress outbreaks of cattle-disease in the district of Champaran and one in Darbhanga. The Dacca District Board continued their annual contribution of Rs. 250 to the local Veterinary Hospital. The Bhagalpur District Board paid Rs. 343 for the salary and allowances of a temporary Veterinary Assistant who was employed in villages where cattle-disease was abnormally severe. He is reported to have done his work fairly well, but his treatment was not much appreciated by those for whose benefit he was deputed. A proposal to open a Veterinary Hospital near the Civil Station of Purnea was set on foot, and a sum of Rs. 378 raised by private subscriptions has been deposited with the District Board to meet land acquisition expenses. The Commissioner apprehends that the scheme will fail for want of support. It is, however, to be hoped that it will meet with at least that measure of success to which similar institutions elsewhere have attained.

37. The expenditure on the maintenance of public bulls and stallions, which is a heading separate from "Veterinary Charges," increased from Rs. 3,014 to Rs. 4,737. A sum of Rs. 703 was spent by the District Board of Backergunge for the construction of sheds for the bulls purchased during the previous year and for keeping and feeding them. Rupees 206 were expended by the District Board of Shahabad in maintaining an Arab stallion at Buxar and Rs. 94 by the District Board of Pabna on the maintenance of a bull at Sirajganj for breeding purposes.

38. *Stationery and Printing.*—The total outlay under this head was Rs. 34,572, which is Rs. 1,714 more than the previous year's expenditure. In accordance with the orders of the Government of India, conveyed in their letter No. 24, dated the 15th August 1900, the amounts charged in the accounts under the head "Stationery locally purchased" have been transferred to the head "Administration—Office Contingencies."

39. *Miscellaneous.*—Miscellaneous charges increased from Rs. 40,071 to Rs. 45,915. The increase was largest in Darbhanga, and is said to be due to the adjustment of the old outstanding advances of the Madhubani Local Board by debit to this head and credit to "Advances."

40. *Famine Relief.*—The expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 2,728. In Tippera Rs. 208 was incurred on the treatment of destitute coolies. Of the total outlay of Rs. 2,513 in Puri, Rs. 2,227 represent the payment of the liabilities of the Board for relief works undertaken during 1896-97.

41. *Minor Works and Navigation.*—The increase of expenditure in Tippera was due to the reopening of a boat service between Akhaura and Brahmanbaria, which had been abolished on the opening of a steamer service between those places. The decrease in Chittagong is due to the abolition during the year of the temporary establishment entertained for checking extortions by canal farmers. The District Board of Malda spent Rs. 195 for clearing snags from navigable rivers against Rs. 161 during the previous year.

42. *Civil Works.*—The following table shows the expenditure on Public Works during the past two years:—

YEAR.	BUILDINGS.		COMMUNICATIONS.		Water-supply and water-works.	Drainage works.	Other works of improvement.	Establishment and contingencies appertaining to Public Works.	Staging bungalows and serai establishment and charges.	Tools and Plant.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
	Original Works.	Repairs.	Original Works.	Repairs.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1898-99	Rs. 1,67,632	Rs. 80,083	Rs. 7,67,422	Rs. 21,68,604	Rs. 1,01,600	Rs. 2,657	Rs. 47,468	Rs. 6,38,083	Rs. 33	Rs. 30,544	Rs. 37,447	Rs. 40,16,886
1899-1900	1,20,900	1,03,240	10,81,239	21,80,817	1,10,017	22,739	11,820	6,53,089	1,015	20,850	20,098	42,91,725
Difference	-47,026	+23,163	+2,83,817	+17,413	+8,187	+20,082	-35,049	+15,006	+982	-3,087	-7,449	+2,74,839

The total expenditure shows an increase of Rs. 2,74,839, which occurred chiefly under the head "Communications—Original Works." The largest

increase was in the Patna Division, particularly in Darbhanga, where works which had been left unfinished at the end of 1898-99 were completed during the year under review, and where materials for pontoon bridges were collected at a cost of Rs. 46,102. The District Board's office and Road Cess building at Mymensingh, which was wrecked by the earthquake of 1897, was reconstructed at a cost of Rs. 15,512, of which Government contributed one-fifth. Other important works undertaken by District Boards were the construction of 74 spans of pontoon bridges over the Bar Gundak and Bagmati rivers in Darbhanga at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,01,111, the construction of bridges on the Goalundo road, Dacca, at a cost of Rs. 11,493, the construction of masonry bridges over the Manjur and Dhanauti streams in Champaran at a cost of Rs. 11,281, and Rs. 13,787, respectively, and of an iron girder bridge over the Lakhandai in Muzaffarpur at a cost of Rs. 14,671. The Purnea District Board spent Rs. 30,695 on the upkeep of 105 miles of the Ganges and Darjeeling Road.

43. Appendix C, column 9, shows that the average percentage of expenditure on Civil Works to total expenditure was 61·4. The percentage rose to 77·6 in Jalpaiguri and 75·6 in Champaran, and fell to 37·5 in Balasore and 36·5 in Puri. Each of the two latter District Boards has a comparatively small income. The percentage of the cost of establishment and contingencies on total expenditure was 9·3, but in 17 districts the proportion exceeded 10 per cent., and in Champaran it was as high as 12·7. For the Province generally, the salary of the District Engineer represents 36·4 per cent. of the total cost of establishment and contingencies, though in Cuttack it mounts to 54·8 per cent. Column 12 of the statement shows what proportion is borne by the cost of establishment to the expenditure on original works and repairs. The mean for the Province is 18·2, but this is exceeded by 24 districts, and in Puri the percentage reaches 44·2. The ratio borne by the District Engineer's salary to the expenditure on original works and repairs is shown in column 13. The average is 6·6 per cent., but 10 per cent. is exceeded in six districts, Puri, Dinajpur, Chittagong, Balasore, Champaran and Rajshahi, in the order named.

44. *Roads.*—The table in Appendix D gives particulars of the number, length and cost of the district and village roads, maintained by District Boards in 1899-1900. It will be seen that during the year 2,627 district roads, with a total length of 23,946 miles, were maintained at a total cost of Rs. 25,97,173. Of the total length, 3,352 miles were metalled and 20,594 miles unmetalled. Of the total cost incurred on metalled roads, Rs. 2,00,345 were expended on original works and Rs. 8,38,269 on repairs, and of that incurred on unmetalled roads, Rs. 6,68,575 were spent on original works and Rs. 8,89,984 on repairs. The expenditure on account of metalled roads was highest in Midnapore, Rs. 1,07,132, Burdwan coming next with Rs. 77,140, and Chittagong last with Rs. 204. The outlay on unmetalled roads was highest in Darbhanga, Rs. 1,61,358, and lowest in Puri, Rs. 5,339. The cost per mile of district metalled roads was highest in Howrah, Rs. 1,632, and lowest in Faridpore, Rs. 33, and that of unmetalled roads was highest in Backergunge, Rs. 343, and lowest in Nadia, Rs. 24. The cyclonic storm-wave, which swept across a part of South Bhagalpur on the 24th September 1899, caused numerous breaches in many district roads, and the damage done to earthwork was widespread and heavy. Special estimates for the repairs of these damages amounted to Rs. 14,260, but out of this sum Rs. 6,101 only were spent during the year.

45. The total expenditure on village roads during the past two years is shown in the margin. The expenditure was highest in Backergunge, viz., Rs. 35,824, and lowest in Jalpaiguri, viz., Rs. 461. The rate of expenditure per mile varied from Rs. 142 in Birbhum to Rs. 3 in Champaran. The total number of such roads maintained was 4,690, and their total length 16,504 miles.

46. *Water communications.*—The District Board of Dacca spent Rs. 2,000 on the improvement of the Bagunbari Khal, and Rs. 1,527 in removing bars

		1898-99.	1899-1900.
		Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Division ...	34,274	30,533
Presidency	" ...	44,134	42,070
Rajshahi	" ...	24,957	19,291
Dacca	" ...	93,119	76,885
Chittagong	" ...	25,494	36,495
Patna	" ...	84,118	93,538
Bhagalpur	" ...	Figures not available.	16,233
Orissa	" ...	22,436	21,749

from the mouths of the Pania and Rajabari Khals, and in carrying out the survey operations on the Dhaleswari and Buriganga rivers at Fulbaria and Dacca. The tow-path from Barama to Kaliganj was also repaired by the Board at a cost of Rs. 293. In Tippera certain khals were cleared during the year. In Noakhali the principal navigable channels were cleared of jungle and other obstructions, and the roadside drains, which are mostly used as boat passages, were improved in many places. The Telkupi Khal in the Sirajganj subdivision was, as in previous years, kept navigable by the District Board during the floods.

47. *Steamer communication.*—The only change to note under this head is that the steamer service between Pabna and Kushtia, which had been abolished in the previous year, was re-established during the year. A contract has been entered into with the India General Navigation and Railway Company, by which the Board have agreed to pay to the latter an annual subsidy of Rs. 5,000 for three years.

48. *Miscellaneous Public Improvements.*—The expenditure incurred during the year by the several District Boards in planting trees on the sides of roads, maintaining existing trees, rearing plants at nurseries and constructing bamboo and iron gabions is shown below:—

	Rs.		Rs.
Burdwan	... 5,588	Mymensingh	... 732
Birbhum	... 2,628	Faridpur	... 89
Midnapore	... 156	Backergunge	... 832
Hooghly	... 732	Tippera	... 567
Howrah	... 292	Noakhali	... 1,109
24-Parganas	... 1,227	Patna	... 976
Nadia	... 667	Gaya	... 1,564
Murshidabad	... 556	Shahabad	... 237
Jessore	... 557	Saran	... 2,273
Khulna	... 297	Champaran	... 253
Rajshahi	... 1,662	Monghyr	... 1,376
Dinajpur	... 1,224	Rhagulpur	... 2,829
Jalpaiguri	... 761	Purnea	... 1,702
Rangpur	... 706	Malda	... 352
Bogra	... 1,161	Cuttaok	... 681
Pabna	... 72	Balasore	... 540
Dacca	... 1,906	Puri	... 336

No expenditure under these heads was incurred by the District Boards of Bankura, Chittagong, Muzaffarpur and Darbhanga. The old system of employing *malis* in planting indigenous fruit-trees on main lines of communication was abandoned by the District Board of Nadia and a contract system introduced. The Purnea District Board spent Rs. 2,098 on the construction of certain bunds in Nepal and for the protection of certain roads in the district from the overflow of the Kusi and the Panar rivers. The Monghyr District Board incurred an expenditure of Rs. 675 in constructing bunds on both sides of the Khasniah Nulla and from Bunni English to Bahadurpur.

49. *Railway Feeder Roads.*—A kuteha feeder road from Gangpur Railway station to the Grand Trunk Road, a distance of one mile, was constructed by the District Board of Burdwan. Out of the profits received from the Howrah-Amta Railway Company, the District Board of Howrah spent a sum of Rs. 1,346 on the construction of a railway feeder road. The District Board of the 24-Parganas acquired lands required for the feeder road from Kulsur to Muslandpur on the Bengal Central Railway at a cost of Rs. 4,508, and spent Rs. 450 on the construction of a culvert on the Halishahar feeder road on the Eastern Bengal State Railway. The construction of two feeder roads in the district of Bogra, for which a sum of Rs. 49,200 was contributed by Government, was in progress during the year, but the work of constructing a feeder road from Bhowanipur to Khurpukhuria, for which a grant of Rs. 1,000 was made by Government to the District Board of Dinajpur, could not be taken in hand because of delay in acquiring the land. The earthwork of the feeder road from Iswarganj to the Kalibazar station of the Dacca-Mymensingh Railway was completed by the District Board of Mymensingh. Approach roads to Bhatiary and Kanderghat Railway stations were constructed by the District Board of Chittagong. The construction of the Balgooder

feeder road in Monghyr was delayed in consequence of plague having broken out in the neighbourhood. The District Board of Puri undertook the construction of a feeder road from Pipli to Delang. The District Board of Cuttack is reported to have undertaken the construction of a number of feeder roads and the District Board of Balasore of three.

50. *Railways and Tramways*.—Proposals for the construction of the following tramways were under consideration during the year:—

- (1) A steam trainway from Magra *via* Kalna to Katwa in the district of Burdwan.
- (2) A steam tramway from the East Indian Railway station at Memari, in the district of Burdwan, to Chakdigi.
- (3) A tramway from Bagbazar to Titaghar on the Grand Trunk Road.
- (4) A tramway from Cossipore to Bhangor.
- (5) A tramway from Diamond Harbour to Amtala on the Diamond Harbour Road.
- (6) A tramway from Magrahat to Bistupur on the Kalpi Road.

None of the schemes have, however, been matured. Proposals for a metre gauge railway from Atia to Mymensingh, Netrokona and Bollar, to be extended ultimately to Shillong, and a light railway from Barisal to Faridpur *via* Madaripur are being considered by the District Boards concerned. The District Board of Patna have entered into an agreement with Messrs. Martin and Company for the construction of a light railway from Bakhtiarpur to Bihar. The proposal has not yet been formally sanctioned by the Government of India. The District Board of Saran have agreed to guarantee Rs. 8,000 per annum for a period not exceeding eight years for a tramway from Chapra to Sutterghat. Statistics of traffic have also been gathered by that Board with the object of constructing tramways from Doranda to Maharajganj, and also from Siwan to Mirganj. Twelve miles of land were acquired for a temporary steam tramway from Pirpointi to Pathorghata in Bhagalpur, and a declaration was published for the acquisition of twelve miles of land for a railway line from a point opposite Barari Ghat to Bihpur.

51. *Contributions*.—The contributions made by District Boards towards the cost of the Police force employed at plague camps, refund of the unexpended balance of Government grants for special works, payments on account of cost of establishments in the offices of account and control, and contributions made by District Boards to Union Committees fell from Rs. 2,60,170 to Rs. 1,81,464. The fluctuations are due to ordinary causes of no special importance.

52. The fixed assignments which were made to each District Board in the Province on its formation included in each case a contribution equal to $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the collections in Government estates in the district for expenditure on roads and communications in these estates. The effect of including this contribution, which was based on the actual collections in Government estates in the year 1885-86, was that the amount was fixed once for all, instead of which it should have varied from year to year in each district in proportion to the actual collections. A reference from the Board of Revenue led to a comparison of the fixed contributions with the sums representing $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the actual collections in each district during 1898-99, and elicited the fact that, taking all the districts together, the result was nearly correct, but that the gain and loss were distributed irregularly among different Boards. In the opinion of the Lieutenant-Governor there was no justification for thus fixing the amount of the contribution once for all, and he has accordingly directed that the contributions for roads and communications in Government estates shall, with effect from the year 1901-1902, be separately credited to each District Fund by the Accountant-General at the close of every quarter, and that they shall be calculated on the actual amount of the collections in the Government estates in each district during the quarter, as is done in the case of non-Board districts.

53. The following are extracts from the general observations made by Divisional Commissioners on the working of the local bodies in their respective jurisdictions.

Mr. J. Kennedy, Officiating Commissioner of the Burdwan Division, writes:—

"It seems to be generally admitted that the District Boards are useful bodies but that the Local Boards and Union Committees cannot be of much value under present

arrangement. I have pointed out, when dealing with the subject of Unions, that Local Boards, however, in some cases do useful work, especially when the Subdivisional Officer or some person of unusual energy is Chairman. In some cases a good system started years before by a good Subdivisional Officer as Chairman is carried on fairly well when his successors are intelligent and there happen to be efficient overseers. This is the case in Contai, where a Local Board is useful. The credit is generally due to one or two individuals, rather than to the members as a body."

Mr. W. C. Macpherson, Officiating Commissioner of the Presidency Division, remarks:—

"Having had no recent experience in this Division, I shall only state that the district reports show that the District Boards and their executive officers have done much useful work during the year, that the District Board meetings have been well attended, and that there is no evidence of any obstructiveness or friction."

Mr. C. R. Marindin, Commissioner of the Rajshahi Division, records his opinion as follows:—

"The remarks of the District Officers are of a generally satisfactory character. The District Boards in this Division are, owing to the low agricultural rents that prevail, poor, and their ordinary income is small, and not sufficient to meet adequately the pressing objects of the road and public works cesses, namely, the maintenance of roads and communications. At the same time their resources for these objects are considerably diminished by the large sums spent on education. I am of opinion that too large a portion of the Board's ordinary income is devoted in this direction, especially in contributing to support secondary schools. In Pabna the percentage of total expenditure on education to income has reached the high figure of 35·6. In Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dinajpur it ranges between 24·7 and 25·2. In Jalpaiguri and Bogra alone it is fairly low. In Pabna 15 per cent. of the total expenditure is on other than primary education. When the more legitimate demands of the district on the road cess in the shape of roads, dispensaries and sanitation are so pressing and cannot be adequately met, I am inclined to think that this expenditure on education is too lavish and requires to be checked. In other districts, at all events Rangpur, District Board money is diverted in another direction to keep up several pukka roads in the town, which cannot in any season be called part of the district communication, and to maintain the Ghose's canal, which should properly be a charge on the town. I find a general laxness in the collection of the pound and ferry incomes."

Mr. H. Savage, Officiating Commissioner of the Dacca Division, comments as follows:—

"The District Boards have effected many important improvements in communications and sanitation in all the districts of the Division. Of course in all districts the executive functions fall mostly to the lot of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, but except in Faridpur where there has been some friction, the other members have been able to give valuable assistance by their experience and local knowledge. Many of the Local Boards have, I am glad to say, taken to heart the somewhat severe remarks regarding their apathy and uselessness I felt called upon to make in the course of my inspections in the previous year and during the year under review, and have bestirred themselves to justify their existence."

Mr. R. S. Greenshields, Officiating Commissioner of the Chittagong Division, says:—

"I have only recently taken charge of the Division, and have not yet seen much of the Board's work. The District and Local Boards in this Division appear to have worked smoothly and well."

Mr. L. Hare, C.I.E., Officiating Commissioner of the Patna Division, observes:—

"I endorse the favourable remarks made by the District Officers, and am glad to be able to record that the District Boards have been very useful in this Division."

Mr. H. C. Williams, Commissioner of the Bhagalpur Division, makes the following observations:—

"The District Boards generally have done good work, and have taken an interest in the welfare of their districts. The Local Boards have been fairly useful, but it depends on the attitude of the Subdivisional Officer, as a rule, whether they do really good work or not. The clerks of the Local Boards, excluding the Sadar where the clerk generally helps the District Board office, have no work also to do, and their post is a sinecure. The principal feature of the year's administration is the attention paid to dispensaries, and every district is showing a distinct improvement in this respect. Great attention is also being paid to roads. The need of steady and continuous supervision on the part of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman is exemplified by the disgraceful state into which the Monghyr Office in every branch has been allowed to get, and the difficulty with which even now the slightest information is obtained from them, shows that much even now remains to be done."

Mr. E. B. Harris, Commissioner of the Orissa Division, states:—

"The District Boards in this Division appear to have worked satisfactorily and with an absence of friction during the past year. I agree with the Chairman of the Balasore Board that Union Committees are of no particular use, and might as well be abolished. I might also say the same of Local Boards."

54. The Lieutenant-Governor notices with pleasure the general consensus of opinion that the District Boards perform their numerous and important duties in a satisfactory and workmanlike manner. It has for some time past been evident that their further progress is arrested and their practical utility diminished by two defects of a different nature. The first of these is the narrowness of their sphere of activity, caused by the fact that the resources assigned to them are, except to a limited extent, fixed and inelastic, while the demands made upon them are varied and constantly expanding. The second is an administrative defect, and is to be found in the lack of professional supervision over the technical branches of work for which District Boards are responsible, in particular, the construction and maintenance of roads and buildings. The Boards, while affording valuable assistance in indicating the local necessities of their several districts, are unable as a rule to exercise any adequate check or control over the methods by which these necessities are supplied. It is inevitable that, as matters now stand, this should be so; for ability to criticise in professional matters is not to be expected from such bodies as District Boards, who necessarily include among their members but few who chance to be possessed of the necessary professional qualifications. Consequently, the work done has frequently proved to be both defective and expensive. This is the more unfortunate, because their resources are limited and there is a consequent necessity of securing that full value shall be received for the expenditure which they incur. It is hoped shortly to introduce reforms by which both these defects will be removed; the former by assigning to the District Boards a new and elastic source of revenue, and the latter by placing at their disposal a more efficient professional control over their civil works than that which is at present available.

55. Of Local Boards and Union Committees there is little to be said. Their opportunities are small and their performance is less. Praise is rarely and faintly accorded to them by local officers, and the general tenor of criticism is to the same effect as in previous years, that they are superfluous and therefore, as a rule, inactive.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

E. N. BAKER,

Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

FORM No. I (a).

Statement showing the constitution of the District Boards in Bengal during the year ending 31st March 1900.

Serial number.	NAME OF DISTRICT BOARD.	Act under which constituted.	Area in square miles.	Population within the area.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.										Number of meetings held.	Number of meetings moved abortive for want of quorum, or adjourned.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT EACH MEETING.		
					Ex-officio.	Nominated.	Elected.	Total.	Officials.	Non-officials.	Europeans and Eurasians.	Natives.	Officials.	Non-officials.			Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
BURDWAN DIVISION.																			
1	Burdwan ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	2,669	1,322,108	4	6	9	19	5	14	4	15	13	1	2.3	6.9	9.7		
2	Birbhum ...	Ditto	1,751	760,773	4	5	6	15	4	9	3	11	16	...	3.5	6.2	9.7		
3	Bankura ...	Ditto	2,011	1,019,273	4	4	7	15	5	10	2	13	14	...	3.4	7.0	9.7		
4	Midnapore ...	Ditto	5,114	3,541,621	5	6	12	25	9	16	5	20	14	...	4.0	8.0	10.4		
5	Hooghly ...	Ditto	1,159	910,573	5	6	13	27	6	21	4	23	15	...	3.6	12.1	15.7		
6	Howrah ...	Ditto	499	630,319	3	3	5	11	3	8	3	8	17	...	1.7	5.2	6.9		
	Total ...		13,803	7,214,597	26	32	62	110	32	78	20	90	80	1	3.1	7.6	10.7		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION.																			
7	24 Parganas ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,923	1,537,565	6	7	19	25	7	18	3	23	15	...	4.8	12.4	17.3		
8	Nadia ...	Ditto	2,794	1,644,108	6	4	11	21	7	14	6	15	13	...	4.9	9.0	13.9		
9	Murshidabad ...	Ditto	2,698	1,250,046	6	5	10	21	6	15	7	14	10	...	3.5	6.2	9.7		
10	Jessore ...	Ditto	2,925	1,848,827	7	6	12	25	7	18	4	21	13	...	3.9	10.5	14.4		
11	Khulna ...	Ditto	2,077	1,177,652	5	6	8	17	5	12	2	15	17	...	3.1	6.1	9.2		
	Total ...		11,877	7,409,098	30	28	53	109	32	77	21	88	68	...	4.0	8.8	12.8		
RAJSHAHI DIVISION.																			
12	Rajshahi ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	2,590.5	1,406,808	4	8	11	23	6	17	5	18	11	3	3.3	7.9	11.3		
13	Dinajpur ...	Ditto	3,042	1,470,346	4	13	5	22	8	14	3	20	15	1	3.7	6.3	10.0		
14	Jalpaiguri ...	Ditto	3,880	671,054	6	11	...	17	7	10	9	8	15	5	3.0	2.5	5.5		
15	Rangpur ...	Ditto	3,478	2,061,248	4	7	10	21	8	13	1	20	21	4	3.0	5.3	8.3		
16	Bagha ...	Ditto	1,351.5	765,085	4	12	...	16	5	11	...	16	16	1	3.1	5.6	8.5		
17	Paalna ...	Ditto	1,823	1,321,470	4	4	8	16	4	12	1	15	13	1	2.4	6.1	8.5		
	Total ...		10,035	7,077,071	26	55	34	115	38	77	18	97	80	14	3.0	5.8	8.8		
DACCA DIVISION.																			
18	Dacca ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	2,769	2,295,666	8	7	14	29	8	21	6	23	16	1	3.69	10.31	14.00		
19	Mymensingh ...	Ditto	6,274	3,378,395	4	9	12	25	6	20	2	23	14	2	3.7	7.8	11.50		
20	Faridpur ...	Ditto	2,204.5	1,798,712	7	6	12	25	8	17	1	24	16	3	4.06	7.75	11.81		
21	Backergunge ...	Ditto	3,632	2,117,312	7	6	12	25	11	14	3	23	16	...	4.12	5.0	9.13		
	Total ...		14,680.5	9,589,985	26	28	50	104	32	72	11	93	63	6	3.6	7.8	11.3		
CHITTAGONG DIVISION.																			
22	Tipperra ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	2,401	1,762,935	4	6	9	19	5	14	6	13	13	...	3.3	8.2	11.5		
23	Noakhali ...	Ditto	1,645	1,000,693	4	3	6	13	5	8	1	12	14	...	3.4	3.4	6.8		
24	Chittagong ...	Ditto	2,563	1,380,167	8	11	...	19	8	11	10	9	12	...	4.8	7.0	11.8		
	Total ...		6,609	4,062,795	16	20	15	51	18	33	17	34	39	...	3.8	6.3	10.0		
PATNA DIVISION.																			
25	Patna ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	2,045	1,406,970	5	8	12	25	11	14	3	22	14	1	7.5	5.3	12.1		
26	Gaya ...	Ditto	4,689	2,036,565	5	6	10	21	7	14	6	15	17	2	4.1	6.6	10.7		
27	Bahabad ...	Ditto	4,403	1,837,138	6	7	12	25	8	17	7	18	19	3	3.5	8.9	12.4		
28	Baran ...	Ditto	2,610	2,378,343	7	9	15	31	9	22	10	12	27	...	5.3	10.0	15.3		
29	Champaran ...	Ditto	3,515	1,825,577	6	11	...	17	6	11	11	6	12	...	4.0	4.5	8.5		
30	Muzaffarpur ...	Ditto	2,982	2,080,205	5	8	6	19	7	12	14	6	13	...	4.3	5.8	9.5		
31	Darbhanga ...	Ditto	3,331	2,706,116	5	8	12	25	7	18	15	10	19	3	3.7	8.5	12.2		
	Total ...		23,685	16,993,514	30	57	67	153	55	108	75	88	114	13	4.6	7.0	11.6		
RRAGALPUR DIVISION.																			
32	Monghyr ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	3,022	1,551,535	4	9	13	26	7	18	9	16	11	...	3.9	9.7	13.6		
33	Rhagulpur ...	Ditto	4,218	1,358,445	4	12	16	31	4	27	6	25	19	3	3.06	10.40	13.46		
34	Purnea ...	Ditto	4,870	1,321,037	5	6	12	23	6	19	3	17	19	...	3.6	10.4	14.0		
35	Malda ...	Ditto	1,898	706,923	4	9	...	13	4	9	2	11	10	...	2.7	6.1	8.8		
	Total ...		14,908	6,628,541	17	38	39	94	21	73	25	60	65	3	3.0	8.8	11.9		
ORISSA DIVISION.																			
36	Cuttack ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	3,618	1,960,846	5	6	10	21	11	10	4	17	14	1	4.5	6.4	10.9		
37	Keasone ...	Ditto	2,063	973,850	3	5	8	16	6	10	4	12	12	...	2.9	5.3	8.2		
38	Puri ...	Ditto	2,476	916,304	3	4	6	13	6	7	1	13	23	...	2.5	5.4	7.9		
	Total ...		8,157	3,750,900	11	15	24	50	23	27	9	41	49	6	3.4	4.7	8.1		
GRAND TOTAL ...																			
			110,038.5	61,436,501	191	271	334	796	251	545	195	600	575	45	3.6	7.0	10.6		

FORM NO. I (b).

Statement showing the constitution of the Local Boards in Bengal during the year ending 31st March 1900.

Statement showing the details of the Local Boards.																		
Serial number.	NAME OF LOCAL BOARD.	Act under which constituted.	Area in square miles.	Population within the area.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.									Number of meetings held.	Number of meetings proved abortive for want of quorum or adjourned.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT EACH MEETING.		
					Ex-officio.	Nominated.	Elected.	Total.	Officials.	Non-officials.	Europeans and Eurasians.	Natives.	Officials.			Non-officials.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
BURDWAN DIVISION.																		
<i>Burdwan.</i>																		
1	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,230	585,891	1	5	9	15	1	14	...	15	18	...	0.1	6.3	6.4	
2	Katwa ...	Ditto	347	218,384	...	9	1	10	3	7	...	10	6	...	1.9	4.5	6.5	
3	Kalna ...	Ditto	428	221,833	...	4	5	9	...	9	...	9	14	...	...	4.5	4.5
4	Baniganj ...	Ditto	664	306,501	...	7	3	10	1	9	...	6	7	1	1.0	3.3	4.3	
	Total ...		2,669	1,322,108	1	26	18	44	5	39	6	38	39	1	0.7	4.7	5.4	
<i>Birbhum.</i>																		
5	Sadar, Buri ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,106	662,748	...	5	6	11	...	11	...	11	12	3	...	5.0	5.0	
6	Rampur Hat ...	Ditto	615	328,025	...	4	6	10	1	9	1	9	15	2	0.4	4.8	5.2	
	Total ...		1,721	790,773	...	9	12	21	1	20	1	20	27	5	0.2	4.9	5.1	
<i>Bankura.</i>																		
7	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,917	673,014	...	4	8	12	1	11	...	12	14	2	1.6	2.6	4.2	
8	Vishnupur ...	Ditto	604	340,659	...	3	6	9	...	9	...	9	10	3	...	3.5	3.5	
	Total ...		2,611	1,019,273	...	7	14	21	1	20	...	21	24	5	0.8	3.0	5.8	
<i>Midnapore.</i>																		
9	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	2,267	1,190,984	...	23	1	24	6	18	2	22	11	...	3.5	7.0	10.5	
10	Contai ...	Ditto	840	545,408	3	8	...	21	3	16	1	20	13	...	1.3	6.8	8.6	
11	Tamluk ...	Ditto	345	276,883	...	14	4	18	3	16	...	18	15	5	1.7	5.6	7.3	
12	Ghatal ...	Ditto	650	528,346	...	12	3	15	2	13	...	15	12	2	0.6	5.8	6.4	
	Total ...		5,114	2,541,621	3	57	18	78	14	64	3	75	51	7	1.9	6.3	8.2	
<i>Hooghly.</i>																		
13	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	429	260,773	...	5	10	15	...	15	...	15	7	...	...	5.5	5.5
14	Borampore ...	Ditto	529	324,363	1	5	10	16	1	15	1	15	12	1	0.8	7.6	8.4	
15	Arambagh (Jahannabad) ...	Ditto	401	316,367	2	4	4	10	3	8	...	10	13	...	1.8	3.6	5.4	
	Total ...		1,359	910,503	3	14	24	41	3	38	1	40	31	1	0.8	5.5	6.3	
<i>Howrah.</i>																		
16	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	162	232,990	...	6	3	9	1	8	...	9	10	...	0.9	4.3	5.2	
17	Ulubari ...	Ditto	337	397,329	...	9	7	16	1	15	...	16	13	1	0.3	7.1	7.4	
	Total ...		499	630,319	...	15	10	25	2	23	...	25	23	1	0.6	5.9	6.5	
	DIVISIONAL TOTAL		13,503	7,214,507	7	127	96	230	26	204	11	310	194	20	0.9	5.0	5.8	
PRESIDENCY DIVISION.																		
<i>24 Parganas.</i>																		
18	Alipore ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	503	531,502	1	7	7	15	2	13	...	15	12	1	0.6	6.6	7.2	
19	Diamond Harbour ...	Ditto	417	402,863	...	4	8	12	...	12	...	12	13	3	...	6.7	6.7	
20	Barasat ...	Ditto	435	288,531	...	5	10	15	...	15	...	15	14	2	...	7.0	7.0	
21	Basirhat ...	Ditto	329	316,349	...	3	6	9	...	9	...	9	11	1	...	3.4	3.4	
	Total ...		1,683	1,537,503	1	19	31	51	2	49	...	51	50	7	0.2	6.0	6.3	
<i>Nadia.</i>																		
22	Meherpur ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	632	336,716	...	3	6	9	...	9	1	8	10	2	...	4.4	4.4	
23	Kushtia ...	Ditto	597	482,627	...	4	5	9	...	9	...	9	7	2	...	6.0	6.0	
24	Kanaghat ...	Ditto	637	230,036	...	4	6	10	1	9	1	9	8	...	1.0	5.6	6.6	
25	Sadar ...	Ditto	701	344,007	...	4	8	12	...	12	1	11	9	4	...	4.3	4.3	
26	Chundanga ...	Ditto	437	245,622	...	3	6	9	...	9	1	6	12	2	...	4.3	4.3	
	Total ...		3,706	1,644,108	...	18	31	49	1	48	4	45	46	10	0.2	4.9	5.1	
<i>Murshidabad.</i>																		
27	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	974	454,919	...	15	6	21	1	20	2	19	10	4	0.3	6.3	7.1	
28	Kandi ...	Ditto	530	440,434	1	9	4	14	1	13	...	14	8	3	1.0	3.8	4.8	
29	Jangipur ...	Ditto	584	346,003	1	7	5	13	1	12	1	12	9	3	0.8	3.6	4.4	
	Total ...		3,098	1,250,946	2	31	15	48	3	45	3	45	27	9	0.8	4.6	5.4	

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PRESIDENCY DIVISION—consolid.																	
<i>Jessore.</i>																	
30	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	880	504,835	...	10	8	18	1	17	1	17	18	7	0.3	6.3	6.6
31	Rangson ...	Ditto	640	311,973	...	5	8	13	3	10	...	13	8	1	1.0	3.0	4.0
32	Jhemidah ...	Ditto	475	330,241	...	4	8	9	...	9	...	9	10	2	...	4.0	6.0
33	Narail ...	Ditto	487	303,281	...	5	4	9	...	9	...	9	9	...	...	5.8	5.8
34	Magura ...	Ditto	425	348,537	...	3	6	9	...	9	...	9	12	1	...	5.0	5.0
	Total ...		2,925	1,888,827	...	27	31	58	4	54	3	55	67	11	0.3	4.6	5.0
<i>Khulna.</i>																	
35	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	698	379,251	1	8	3	12	1	11	...	12	11	2	0.3	5.5	5.8
36	Ragibhat ...	Ditto	679	340,550	1	10	1	12	2	10	...	12	8	...	0.7	5.5	6.2
37	Sakhira ...	Ditto	703	457,643	1	7	7	15	1	14	...	15	18	2	0.9	6.5	7.4
	Total ...		2,077	1,177,052	3	25	11	39	4	35	...	39	31	4	0.6	5.8	6.4
	DIVISIONAL TOTAL		11,877	7,409,098	6	120	119	245	14	231	10	235	211	41	0.4	5.2	5.6
RAJSHAHI DIVISION.																	
<i>Rajshahi.</i>																	
38	Boalia ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	804	550,171	...	5	10	15	2	13	1	14	8	...	1.3	5.7	7.0
39	Nator ...	Ditto	815	434,326	1	4	8	13	2	11	...	13	6	6	1.1	3.3	4.4
40	Naugson ...	Ditto	871.0	423,571	1	4	8	13	2	11	...	13	4	...	2.0	5.0	7.0
<i>Dinajpur.</i>																	
41	Thakurgaon ...	Ditto	807	303,406	1	8	...	9	3	6	...	9	5	...	2.2	3.3	5.4
<i>Rangpur.</i>																	
42	Rangpur ...	Ditto	1,185	632,172	...	12	...	12	...	12	...	12	9	5	...	3.3	3.3
43	Gaibandah ...	Ditto	700	403,001	...	6	...	6	1	5	...	6	11	1	0.6	3.0	3.6
44	Nilphamari ...	Ditto	648	447,784	...	7	...	7	1	6	...	7	10	4	0.8	2.6	3.4
45	Kurigram ...	Ditto	937	507,711	...	7	...	7	2	5	...	7	7	1	1.8	1.5	3.3
<i>Pabna.</i>																	
46	Pabna ...	Ditto	878	682,803	...	6	6	12	1	11	...	12	7	...	...	...	4.7
47	Sirajganj ...	Ditto	1445	738,637	...	4	8	12	1	11	...	12	12	...	0.5	6.0	6.5
	DIVISIONAL TOTAL		8,768.0	5,172,992	3	63	40	106	15	91	3	103	79	15	1.0	3.3	4.6
DACCA DIVISION.																	
<i>Dacca.</i>																	
48	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,257	708,615	...	4	8	12	...	12	...	12	10	1	...	0.00	0.00
49	Narayanganj ...	Ditto	637	556,801	1	8	6	10	1	9	1	9	9	1	1.00	5.14	6.14
50	Manikganj ...	Ditto	386	581,051	...	6	10	16	1	15	...	16	10	...	1.60	10.90	12.50
51	Manikganj ...	Ditto	489	448,009	...	3	6	9	...	9	...	9	10	...	...	5.67	5.67
	Total ...		2,769	2,295,466	1	16	30	47	2	45	1	46	39	2	0.5	6.95	7.60
<i>Mymensingh.</i>																	
52	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,845.5	830,543	...	6	10	15	...	15	...	15	17	4	...	5.1	5.1
53	Tangail ...	Ditto	1,048	841,502	...	8	5	13	3	10	...	13	18	7	1.0	3.5	4.5
54	Kishorganj ...	Ditto	975	619,894	...	5	10	15	...	15	...	15	13	3	...	5.3	5.3
55	Jamalpur ...	Ditto	1,268.5	553,610	...	6	4	10	2	8	...	10	12	2	1.2	3.3	4.5
56	Netrakona ...	Ditto	1,137	526,747	...	4	8	12	...	12	...	12	18	1	...	0.0	0.0
	Total ...		6,274	3,878,396	...	28	37	65	5	60	...	65	78	17	0.4	4.6	5.0
<i>Faridpur.</i>																	
57	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	854.5	655,363	...	6	6	12	2	10	...	12	10	4	0.8	4.4	5.2
58	Goalundo ...	Ditto	428	361,020	...	3	6	9	...	9	...	9	12	3	...	4.5	4.5
59	Madaripur ...	Ditto	983	791,729	...	6	6	12	...	12	...	12	13	2	...	6.3	6.3
	Total ...		2,265.5	1,798,712	...	15	18	33	2	31	...	33	41	9	0.7	5.06	5.8
<i>Backergunge.</i>																	
60	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,101	859,655	...	6	12	18	1	17	1	17	13	3	0.8	7	7.8
61	Pirojpur ...	Ditto	689	507,357	...	1	5	10	16	6	10	...	16	17	3	2.0	5.1
62	Patuakhali ...	Ditto	1,227	601,859	...	10	...	10	5	5	...	10	16	3	2.4	3	4.4
63	Bhola ...	Ditto	616	255,450	...	10	...	10	4	6	...	10	12	9	2.6	2.7	5.3
	Total ...		3,632	2,117,312	1	31	23	54	16	33	3	36	57	9	1.3	4.2	6.0
	DIVISIONAL TOTAL		14,939.5	9,589,985	2	90	107	199	25	174	6	180	215	37	0.7	5.2	5.9

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					Ex-officio.	Nominated.	Elected.	Total.	Officials.	Non-officials.	Europeans and Eurasians.	Natives.	Officials.	Non-officials.			Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
CHITTAGONG DIVISION.																			
Tippera.																			
64	Comilla ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,142	831,285	...	12	...	12	...	12	1	11	11	1	...	7.4	7.4		
65	Brahmanbaria ...	Ditto	769	590,097	1	8	...	9	2	7	...	9	10	2	1.7	3.3	5.0		
66	Chandpur ...	Ditto	580	571,553	...	7	...	7	1	6	...	7	8	...	0.6	4.1	4.7		
	Total ...		2,491	1,992,935	1	27	...	28	3	25	1	27	29	3	0.8	4.9	5.7		
Noakhali.																			
67	Sadar (Noakhali) ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,298	719,163	...	11	...	11	...	11	1	10	17	...	...	6.2	6.2
68	Fenny ...	Ditto	347	290,530	1	8	...	9	1	8	...	9	14	...	1.0	5.7	6.7		
	Total ...		1,645	1,009,693	1	19	...	20	1	19	1	19	31	...	0.5	5.9	6.4		
	DIVISIONAL TOTAL ...		4,136	2,792,628	2	46	...	48	4	44	2	46	60	3	0.6	5.4	6.0		
PATNA DIVISION.																			
Patna.																			
69	Patna ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	716	512,436	...	6	10	16	...	16	...	16	10	5	...	4.5	4.5		
70	Dinapore ...	Ditto	20	27,092	...	5	1	6	...	6	2	4	3	1	...	3.0	3.0		
71	Barh ...	Ditto	524	385,893	...	7	2	9	1	8	1	8	10	1	...	4.5	4.5		
72	Bihar ...	Ditto	785	580,949	...	4	8	12	1	11	1	11	8	...	1	6.3	6.4		
	Total ...		2,045	1,496,970	...	21	21	42	2	40	4	38	31	7	0.2	4.3	4.3		
Gaya.																			
73	Gaya ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,897	740,587	2	7	...	9	3	6	2	7	5	3	...	2.6	3.1		
74	Nawada ...	Ditto	955	439,565	...	7	...	7	2	5	...	7	15	2	...	3.3	3.6		
75	Jahanabad ...	Ditto	606	391,817	...	7	...	7	1	6	...	7	16	4	1.0	3.5	4.5		
76	Aurangabad ...	Ditto	1,241	462,656	...	7	...	7	1	6	1	6	9	3	...	2.7	3.6		
	Total ...		4,699	2,036,565	2	28	...	30	7	23	3	27	48	13	...	3.02	3.7		
Shahabad.																			
77	Arrah ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	998	687,550	1	19	...	20	1	19	2	18	15	1	...	3.7	3.7		
78	Buxar ...	Ditto	624	494,250	2	13	...	15	3	12	3	12	17	2	1.4	6.9	6.9		
79	Bhabhua ...	Ditto	1,027	334,676	...	9	...	9	1	8	...	9	16	4	...	4.3	4.3		
80	Sasaram ...	Ditto	1,754	510,845	...	21	...	21	1	20	1	20	13	3	...	6.7	7.3		
	Total ...		4,403	1,937,134	3	62	...	65	6	59	6	59	61	10	...	6.7	7.3		
Saran.																			
81	Ohapra ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	990	661,284	1	16	...	16	1	15	8	8	16	2	...	3.1	6.8		
82	Siwan ...	Ditto	849	783,029	2	7	...	9	3	6	6	3	13	6	...	1.8	2.1		
83	Gopalganj ...	Ditto	771	634,630	1	8	...	9	2	7	4	5	15	...	...	2.5	3.9
	Total ...		2,610	2,378,943	4	31	...	34	5	29	18	16	44	8	...	1.3	4.1		
Muzaffarpur.																			
84	Hajipur ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	760	650,699	3	6	...	9	3	6	7	2	5	3	...	2.3	2.7		
85	Sitamarhi ...	Ditto	1,009	916,428	2	7	...	9	2	7	6	3	5	...	...	2.0	3.0
	Total ...		1,769	1,567,127	5	13	...	18	5	13	13	5	10	3	...	2.1	2.8		
Darbhanga.																			
86	Darbhanga ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,221	964,347	...	10	...	10	1	9	5	5	15	...	...	4.1	4.1
87	Madhubani ...	Ditto	1,347	997,146	...	11	...	11	3	8	6	5	14	1	...	2.4	3.2		
88	Baunatipur ...	Ditto	763	738,624	...	9	...	9	1	8	6	3	14	4	...	3.5	3.8		
	Total ...		3,331	2,700,116	...	30	...	30	5	25	17	13	43	5	...	...	4.3
	DIVISIONAL TOTAL ...		18,857	12,146,260	14	184	21	219	31	188	61	163	237	43	...	...	4.0
BRAGALPUR DIVISION.																			
Monghyr.																			
89	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	1,560	788,741	...	12	...	12	...	12	1	11	9	...	...	6.3	6.3
90	Bagmara ...	Ditto	769	618,197	1	12	...	13	2	11	7	6	12	...	...	4.5	5.1
91	Jamui ...	Ditto	1,598	544,698	...	13	...	13	2	11	1	12	10	1	...	1.2	5.1		
	Total ...		3,927	1,951,636	1	37	...	38	4	34	9	29	31	1	...	1.0	5.23		
Rhagalpur.																			
92	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	926	478,028	...	13	...	13	...	13	1	12	12	...	...	6.9	6.9
93	Hanka ...	Ditto	1,185	423,350	...	13	...	13	3	11	...	13	12	...	...	...	...
94	Madhipura ...	Ditto	1,172	575,505	...	13	...	13	3	11	...	13	12	...	...	...	...
95	Supaul ...	Ditto	985	441,502	...	15	...	15	3	12	...	13	14	1	...	...	...
	Total ...		4,218	1,958,445	...	54	...	54	6	48	3	51	56	6	...	...	...
Purnea.																			
96	Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1885.	2,622	546,639	...	12	...	12	1	11	4	8	15	...	...	7.2	8.1
97	Kishanganj ...	Ditto	1,364	642,573	...	13	...	13	2	11	1	12	13	5	...	...	...
98	Araria ...	Ditto	1,044	432,425	...	13	...	13	2	11	1	12	13	5	...	...	...
	Total ...		4,870	1,621,637	...	38	...	38	3	35	6	23	41	7	...	...	...
	DIVISIONAL TOTAL ...		13,010	5,531,618	1	729	...	130	16	113	18	113	131	14		

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CALCUTTA GAZETTE, NOVEMBER 28, 1900. 1905

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					Ex-officio.	Nominated.	Elected.	Total.	Officials.	Non-officials.	Europeans and Eurasians.	Natives.			Officials.	Non-officials.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ORISSA DIVISION.																	
99	Cuttack Sadar ...	Act III (B.C.) of 1888.	1,519	934,808	3	12	...	15	7	8	2	18	11	1	1'0	4'8	5'8
100	Kendrapara ...	Ditto ...	1,000	412,123	3	11	...	13	3	10	...	13	17	4	2'1	4'4	6'5
101	Jajpur ...	Ditto ...	1,099	513,918	1	12	...	13	4	9	...	13	18	8	1'7	4'4	6'1
102	Balasore ...	Ditto ...	1,162	526,068	3	10	...	12	5	7	2	10	14	5	0'7	4'8	5'5
103	Bhadrak ...	Ditto ...	908	447,782	...	11	...	11	2	8	...	11	14	3	1'4	3'9	4'3
104	Puri ...	Ditto ...	1,530	584,781	1	7	...	8	3	5	...	8	9	3	0'6	2'0	2'6
105	Khurda ...	Ditto ...	945	321,423	2	10	...	12	3	9	1	11	8	4	1'2	3'5	4'7
Divisional Total...			8,154	3,740,900	11	73	...	84	25	59	5	79	91	25	1'2	3'8	5'0
GRAND TOTAL ...			98,535	53,988,977	40	838	383	1,261	155	1,106	113	1,148	1,218	200	1'8	4'7	5'6

FORM

Statement showing the Income of the District Boards

Serial number.	NAME OF DISTRICT BOARD.	I.—LAND REVENUE.					VI.—PROVINCIAL RATES.				XII.—INTEREST.					XIII.—POST-OFFICE.			XVII.—POLICE.
		Closing balance of last year.	Revenue due to canals.	Cost of collecting road cess arrears recovered.	Fees, fines and forfeitures.	Total.	Local rate.	Patwari cess.	Village service fund.	Total.	On securities belonging to famine relief fund.	On education securities.	On dispensary securities.	On arrears of road cess.	Total.	Mail cart receipts.	District post (collections).	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
BURDWAN DIVISION.																			
1	Burdwan	40,580	...	...	...	...	1,43,860	...	...	1,43,860	...	...	...	2,225	2,225	...	...	...	10,638
2	Birbhum	31,914	...	...	...	...	70,079	...	...	70,079	...	...	...	385	385	...	...	...	7,905
3	Bankura	41,320	...	...	...	...	44,717	...	...	44,717	...	...	...	615	615	...	...	...	1,945
4	Midnapore	14,074	...	...	...	...	1,74,600	...	...	1,74,600	...	...	...	2,035	2,035	...	...	...	11,479
5	Hooghly	61,781	...	...	...	...	91,881	...	...	91,881	...	...	...	3,290	3,290	...	...	...	7,185
6	Howrah	35,261	...	...	...	...	39,076	...	...	39,076	...	...	401	1,011	1,412	...	...	...	3,965
	Total	2,25,630	...	...	...	...	5,66,273	...	...	5,66,273	...	...	401	10,191	10,592	...	...	...	43,093
PRESIDENCY DIVISION.																			
1	24 Parganas	60,683	...	...	...	...	1,04,124	...	...	1,04,124	887	...	...	312	1,199	...	...	...	5,183
2	Nadia	28,023	...	...	...	...	74,501	...	...	74,501	...	...	...	215	215	...	...	...	29,647
3	Murshidabad	11,192	...	...	...	...	60,663	...	...	60,663	...	...	...	686	686	...	...	...	11,563
4	Jessore	56,157	...	...	...	...	1,00,462	...	...	1,00,462	...	...	21	587	608	...	...	...	22,032
5	Khulna	21,085	...	...	...	...	75,626	...	...	75,626	...	...	...	433	433	...	...	...	4,384
	Total	1,78,335	...	...	...	...	4,24,376	...	...	4,24,376	887	...	21	2,433	3,391	...	...	...	73,211
RAJSHAHI DIVISION.																			
1	Rajshahi	39,491	...	...	...	...	80,115	...	...	80,115	...	...	...	253	253	...	...	...	13,301
2	Dinajpur	24,290	...	...	...	...	81,547	...	...	81,547	...	...	...	163	163	...	...	...	20,979
3	Saipukur	84,045	...	...	...	...	63,663	...	...	63,663	...	...	...	15	15	...	...	...	10,940
4	Rangpur	1,20,621	...	...	...	...	1,20,535	...	...	1,20,535	...	...	...	333	333	...	...	...	12,241
5	Bogra	14,940	...	...	...	...	44,394	...	...	44,394	...	...	...	106	106	...	...	...	8,700
6	Patna	29,845	...	...	...	...	56,938	...	...	56,938	...	...	...	300	300	...	...	...	10,015
	Total	3,21,235	...	...	...	...	4,65,192	...	...	4,65,192	...	...	...	1,230	1,230	...	...	...	64,230
DACCA DIVISION.																			
1	Dacca	76,078	...	...	...	...	79,792	...	...	79,792	...	...	...	196	196	...	...	...	6,013
2	Mymensingh	83,717	...	...	...	...	2,13,170	...	...	2,13,170	...	...	...	1,418	1,418	...	...	...	40,390
3	Faridpur	23,217	...	...	...	...	69,088	...	...	69,088	...	...	...	258	258	...	...	...	6,619
4	Backergunge	60,310	...	...	...	...	2,14,333	...	...	2,14,333	...	...	18	607	625	...	...	...	11,247
	Total	1,93,322	...	...	...	...	5,76,383	...	...	5,76,383	...	...	18	2,500	2,527	...	...	...	60,169
CHITTAGONG DIVISION.																			
1	Tippera	80,615	...	...	...	...	1,07,277	...	...	1,07,277	...	...	...	937	937	...	...	...	6,969
2	Noukhali	35,004	...	...	...	...	68,340	...	...	68,340	...	...	140	190	330	...	...	...	7,774
3	Chittagong	14,658	...	...	...	...	84,427	...	...	84,427	...	...	118	34	162	...	...	...	4,605
	Total	1,28,277	...	...	...	...	2,60,073	...	...	2,60,073	...	...	258	1,161	1,419	...	...	...	18,738
PATNA DIVISION.																			
1	Patna	51,471	...	...	...	...	2,42,630	...	...	2,42,630	...	...	...	4,793	4,793	...	...	...	3,445
2	Gaya	1,50,154	...	...	...	...	2,11,693	...	...	2,11,693	...	...	...	3,101	3,101	...	...	...	11,157
3	Shahabad	32,311	...	...	...	...	1,60,037	...	...	1,60,037	...	...	...	1,661	1,661	...	...	...	6,467
4	Baran	73,896	...	...	...	...	1,81,784	...	...	1,81,784	...	...	...	8,893	8,893	...	...	...	5,857
5	Champaran	81,008	...	...	...	...	87,885	...	...	87,885	...	...	...	444	444	...	...	...	13,173
6	Muzaffarpur	43,046	...	...	...	...	1,83,028	...	...	1,83,028	...	...	...	2,208	2,208	...	...	...	6,767
7	Darbhanga	71,471	...	...	...	...	2,10,741	...	...	2,10,741	...	...	...	3,122	3,122	...	...	...	6,713
	Total	5,04,255	...	...	...	...	12,93,398	...	...	12,93,398	...	...	...	24,471	24,471	...	...	...	53,109
BHAGALPUR DIVISION.																			
1	Monghyr	56,063	...	...	...	...	1,54,534	...	...	1,54,534	...	...	597	1,447	1,974	...	...	...	16,771
2	Bhagalpur	33,023	...	...	...	...	1,42,709	...	...	1,42,709	...	...	163	1,257	1,455	...	...	...	23,096
3	Purnea	50,255	...	...	...	...	86,803	...	...	86,803	...	...	...	133	133	...	...	...	46,895
4	Malda	23,260	...	...	...	...	81,044	...	...	81,044	...	...	...	68	68	...	...	...	14,911
	Total	2,60,601	...	...	...	...	4,16,390	...	...	4,16,390	...	...	695	3,935	3,630	...	...	...	1,01,670
ORISSA DIVISION.																			
1	Cuttack	35,709	...	...	...	...	63,343	...	...	63,343	...	...	...	1,006	1,806	...	...	...	5,784
2	Balasore	11,373	...	...	...	...	34,016	...	...	34,016	...	...	185	433	627	...	...	...	3,954
3	Puri	3,553	...	...	...	...	35,392	...	...	35,392	...	...	...	246	246	...	...	...	3,176
	Total	50,635	...	...	...	...	1,32,751	...	...	1,32,751	...	185	...	2,684	2,779	...	...	...	11,914
	GRAND TOTAL	18,03,190	...	...	...	...	41,34,825	...	...	41,34,825	887	185	1,393	47,574	50,039	...	...	...	4,52,038
	Grand Total for 1899-90	17,80,497	39,64,502	39,64,502	887	183	1,007	45,403	48,079	4,40,151

XIX.—EDUCATION.

XX.—MEDICAL.

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No. II.

Bengal during the year ending the 31st March 1900.

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Statement showing the Expenditure of the District Board

Serial numbers.	NAME OF DISTRICT BOARD.	Closing Balance of last year.	Total Income during the year.	1.—REFUNDS AND DRAW-BACKS.	15.—POST OFFICE.	18.—ADMINISTRATION.	20.—POLICE.	21.—MARINE.	Subsidy to Steam-boat Company.	Grants to University.							
				Local Rate Refunds.	District Post Establishment.	Mail Cart Service.	Total.	GENERAL ESTABLISHMENTS OF LOCAL FUNDS.				CATTLE-POUND CHARGES.					
								Office Establishment.			Office Contingencies, including Stationery purchased in the country.	Payment of Establishment for Offices of Accounts, Control and Audit.	Total.	Establishments.	Contingencies.	Refunds of Cattle-pound Collections.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BURDWAN DIVISION.																	
1	Burdwan	Rs. 40,880	Rs. 3,13,720					Rs. 6,702	Rs. 2,006	Rs. 1,146	Rs. 9,854	Rs. 301	Rs. 113	Rs. 26	Rs. 660		
2	Birbhum	31,014	1,04,701					3,030	766	680	4,429	566	154	40	760		
3	Bankura	41,320	1,24,207					2,431	1,586	490	4,543		21	18	39		
4	Midnapore	14,074	2,84,878					6,743	1,306	1,576	9,716		881		381		
5	Hooahly	01,781	1,44,638					4,343	2,123	837	7,008		153	1	154		
6	Howrah	35,291	1,05,312					3,706	872	466	5,114		300	20	320		
	Total	2,25,690	10,67,740					27,045	6,786	6,032	40,863	927	1,182	106	2,214		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION.																	
1	24-Parganas	60,883	2,88,622					6,097	2,172	1,094	9,293	600	40		640		
2	Nadia	28,722	1,61,066					2,806	2,290	916	7,492		416	8	454		
3	Murshidabad	11,197	1,01,100					2,042	1,483	703	4,228		372		372		
4	Jessore	56,167	1,08,322					5,241	2,803	1,001	9,245	44	460	128	630		
5	Ka-ulna	21,084	1,32,891					3,110	1,468	671	5,247		237		287		
	Total	1,75,236	8,67,037					20,326	10,314	4,353	34,995	644	1,565	134	2,833		
RAJSHAH DIVISION.																	
1	Rajshahi	38,491	1,97,360					8,140	1,371	863	5,250	690	177	26	883		
2	Dinajpur	24,290	1,61,370					2,680	1,388	630	4,927	72	46		117		
3	Jaipaguri	84,018	1,15,110					2,930	1,964	874	5,728		10		10		
4	Rangpur	1,30,621	2,25,760					6,204	3,578	1,369	11,104		13		10		
5	Bogra	14,940	1,09,030					1,579	294	442	2,398		17		17		
6	Pabna	20,945	1,03,027					3,427	1,385	647	5,459	633	213	46	891	2,146	
	Total	3,21,235	8,48,105					20,098	9,580	4,806	34,806	1,344	472	72	1,029	2,146	
DACCA DIVISION.																	
1	Dacca	76,078	1,64,538					4,600	2,039	685	7,224	64	133		817		
2	Mymensingh	33,717	1,40,251					7,445	3,350	1,646	11,741	344	2,704	68	3,216		
3	Faridpur	23,217	1,59,048					3,735	1,714	666	6,095	941	170		411		
4	Backergunge	60,810	3,17,915					6,281	1,887	1,090	9,349	21	32		63		
	Total	1,93,822	9,71,652					21,861	7,000	5,167	34,108	730	2,039	68	3,807		
CHITTAGONG DIVISION.																	
1	Tippura	80,615	2,15,509					5,457	911	980	7,348	1,008	429	333	1,744		
2	Naokhali	35,004	1,02,076					3,900	1,096	670	5,771	384	12		396	1,714	
3	Chittagong	14,068	1,09,907					3,567	3,628	601	7,796			81	31		
	Total	1,28,277	5,54,492					13,920	5,635	2,250	20,915	1,396	441	364	2,101	1,714	
PATNA DIVISION.																	
1	Patna	51,471	2,01,615					6,206	2,071	1,931	11,098		220		220		
2	Gaya	1,50,164	2,50,238					10,009	2,181	1,066	14,140	72	800		972		
3	Shahabad	32,311	2,9,310					7,515	3,230	1,403	12,157	11	465		416		
4	Baran	73,898	2,20,504					7,650	2,088	1,441	11,479		704	30	743		
5	Champarn	61,046	1,30,646					3,141	1,117	1,078	5,336						
6	Muzaffarpur	49,046	2,46,503					4,457	1,723	1,748	8,957		86		96		
7	Barbhanja	71,471	4,75,745					4,970	2,008	1,073	9,050		177	1	178		
	Total	5,04,355	19,31,651					44,433	17,156	11,429	73,017	83	2,611	40	2,634		
SHAHALPUR DIVISION.																	
1	Monghyr	85,063	2,68,015					4,854	3,315	1,609	9,778	430	1,936	9	2,375		
2	Bhagalpur	33,093	2,07,041					4,063	2,229	1,876	7,687		70	4	74		
3	Purnea	59,265	1,50,087					4,450	1,500	1,000	7,319	24	273	171	448		
4	Madia	23,200	71,073					2,633	703	405	3,740	130	651	100	887	704	
	Total	2,00,601	7,09,071					16,980	8,144	4,410	28,574	684	2,930	290	3,604	704	
ORISSA DIVISION.																	
1	Cuttack	35,706	1,27,847					3,177	2,149	600	6,281	805	301	7	1,903		
2	Balasore	11,372	76,641					2,703	783	376	3,863	1,011	191		1,202		
3	Puri	3,552	66,016					2,117	581	284	2,982	112	291		343		
	Total	50,630	2,70,504					8,000	3,512	1,260	13,077	1,028	613	7	2,748		
	GRAND TOTAL	18,02,100	78,79,076					1,70,431	71,117	38,807	2,80,335	7,006	13,003	1,090	21,740	4,054	
	GRAND TOTAL FOR 18-8-00.	17,86,437	69,90,172					1,70,893	68,729	20,936	2,68,537	7,918	9,831	625	18,374	8,245	

22.—EDUCATION.

24.—MEDICAL.

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24.—MEDICAL—continued.				25.—SCIENTIFIC AND OTHER MINOR DEPARTMENTS.										26.—SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCES AND PENSIONS.		27.—STATIONERY AND PRINTING.							
				PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS.								Pensions and Provident Fund Contributions.		Gratuities.		Stationery purchased from Central Stores.		Printing.		Lithography.		Total.	
Lunatic Asylums.	Refunds.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Experimental Cultivation.	Horse Fairs.	Cattle Fairs.	Other Exhibitions or Fairs.	Total.	Veterinary Charges.	Bull and Stallion Charges.	Botanical and other Public Gardens.	Provincial Statistics.	Total.										
60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
...	...	874	5,514	...	...	100	344	546	...	843	...	...	...	845	687	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	3,277	...	...	...	300	300	...	...	...	...	...	546	514	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	3,263	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	3,801	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	8,054	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	8,677	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	874	32,496	...	...	100	746	846	...	1,075	...	...	...	1,921	1,807	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...
...	5,493	...	...	...	2,603	2,603	33	...	...	...	...	2,095	310	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	211	1,801	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	332	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1,040	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	4,409	10,517	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,174	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...
...	...	6,074	28,301	...	...	...	2,602	2,602	33	100	...	...	...	2,793	5,316	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...
...	9,068	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	574	3,052	454
...	1,806	205
...	...	1,000	10,185
...	...	18	4,168
...	...	110	2,372	600
...	...	1,702	30,080	250	250	320	94
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45.—CIVIL PUBLIC WORKS—consolid.

COMMUNICATIONS.		WATER-SUPPLY AND WATER-WORKS.		DRAINAGE WORKS.		Other Works of Improvement.	Establishment and Contingencies appertaining to Public Works.	Staging Bungalows and Serial Establishment and Charges.	Tools and Plant.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Original Works.	Repairs.	Original Works.	Repairs.	Original Works.	Repairs.						
76	77	78	7	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87
Rs. 3,806 2,847 6,041 20,884 6,871 20,547	Rs. 1,49,415 42,344 87,985 1,17,289 89,697 27,083	Rs. 549 1,876 2,312 1,600	Rs. 246 27 712	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	Rs. 19,166 10,200 8,898 20,800 14,007 3,388 2,760	Rs. ...	Rs. 1,008 64 28 142 102 242	Rs. 3,000 61	Rs. 1,40,093 61,011 68,112 1,71,843 69,649 68,163
81,938	4,26,713	6,001	984	...	...	6,103	61,266	...	1,676	3,061	6,30,951
93,112 5,161 9,189 16,499 12,274	1,60,337 44,249 88,024 78,160 31,085	757 1,811 2,405 2,268 3,182	433 343 622 500	752 ...	507 881 6	...	10,384 13,546 11,231 12,327 10,808	...	357 246 252 379 77	...	2,06,453 65,091 62,305 1,26,946 61,283
66,815	3,51,754	10,471	1,698	768	1,442	637	67,073	...	1,341	66	6,22,157
15,955 6,688 33,077 60,266 20,079 16,893	46,075 24,531 68,744 18,436 18,805 22,625	4,052 1,327 1,766 1,355 1,498 3,840	277 44 ...	391 47	505 116 ...	...	14,118 12,899 13,422 20,436 7,735 10,125	...	623 659 396 436 238 482	1,860 742 ...	3,598 50,240 1,14,256 1,12,376 40,640 90,280
1,45,089	1,99,726	10,831	2,622	18,876	651	783	78,934	1,015	2,834	2,766	4,75,990
19,861 87,926 17,002 80,096	48,926 61,913 18,977 54,391	3,604 13,166 2,697 18,065	2,212 2,781 1,612 1,069	...	...	...	12,867 21,599 3,404 20,180	...	227 345 152 1,016	3,692 5,492 ...	60,880 1,51,474 60,561 2,04,902
1,54,645	1,78,846	87,812	7,604	...	...	41	63,080	...	1,780	12,106	4,98,977
27,646 10,680 6,153	43,406 80,770 40,626	...	784 63	1,082	285	...	17,445 12,798 12,891	...	1,079 51 288	...	1,22,645 67,614 67,181
44,419	1,14,901	107	706	1,023	285	405	49,602	...	1,411	...	2,57,440
39,513 60,947 30,276 37,841 71,473 83,941 1,16,121	1,18,081 81,383 87,068 88,052 30,402 57,968 80,097	500 1,107 4,578 1,243 544 780 ...	20 799 2,300 2,176 ...	...	...	...	28,541 34,431 20,969 32,911 21,621 30,990 24,704	...	1,024 6,070 634 430 1,094 1,037 605	4,745 703 656 473 13 4,924 ...	2,00,328 1,88,275 1,53,479 1,63,715 1,24,288 1,91,035 2,30,206
4,80,013	6,45,651	6,902	7,301	...	...	500	2,00,217	...	11,694	11,402	12,80,837
21,840 13,030 16,347 7,140	97,464 1,06,894 81,238 19,211	1,779 163 2,353 309	1,490 518 1,240 193	...	...	...	24,338 25,347 22,368 6,089	...	3,163 501 502 309	...	1,75,115 1,40,216 1,24,422 42,884
67,657	2,04,747	4,059	2,541	...	...	2,118	75,982	...	4,535	...	4,95,637
22,191 6,478 2,446	46,362 12,793 10,395	534 1,331 472	1,189 ...	...	...	1,228	11,660 6,824 6,541	...	247 1,259 82	392 ...	96,355 20,049 21,433
44,185	69,580	2,337	1,531	...	...	1,228	25,025	...	1,888	407	1,46,837
10,81,329	21,80,817	63,620	20,397	20,385	2,384	11,620	6,53,069	1,015	20,859	20,908	42,91,726
7,47,423	21,68,404	1,01,820	...	2,657	...	67,469	6,58,063	33	20,540	37,447	60,10,880

No. III.

Bengal during the year ending 31st March 1900

CONTRIBUTIONS.			DEBT.					INTEREST ON DEBT.			BALANCE.			REMARKS	
To Provincial.	To other Boards.	Total.	Payments of Loans.	Deposits and Advances.	Provident Fund Withdrawals.	Savings Bank Investments and Deposits.	Total.	On account of last year.	On account of current year.	Total.	Total Expenditure.	Deposits.	Actual Balance.		Total.
88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103
Rs. 6,030 2,054 14,732 2,100 3,371 556	Rs. 806 109 ... 1,834 1,701 1,050	Rs. 7,836 2,263 14,732 3,934 5,072 3,545	Rs.	Rs. 15,862 5,097 5,097 15,487 4,097 1,170	...	...	Rs. 15,862 5,097 5,097 15,487 4,097 1,170	...	...	...	Rs. 2,50,047 1,01,065 1,27,170 5,64,005 1,45,070 1,06,487	Rs. 8,577 4,700 3,864 10,967 3,655 1,457	Rs. 55,470 31,000 54,553 20,794 65,085 23,529	Rs. 74,053 35,700 38,367 31,751 68,640 33,986	
20,602	6,682	26,484	...	48,550	...	...	48,550	...	...	...	10,20,883	33,050	2,49,437	2,82,437	
2,035 1,321 838 15,439 866	600 821 3,287	2,635 1,321 838 16,260 4,183	2,000 1,856 4,007 ...	17,141 7,591 5,883 4,223 984	...	...	19,141 9,447 9,894 4,223 984	...	...	...	2,95,433 1,21,303 1,00,469 3,00,676 1,11,071	8,223 40,205 3 2,641 585	45,840 30,329 11,910 46,122 22,319	54,073 69,535 11,919 48,593 32,904	
21,423	4,868	26,230	7,863	36,223	...	...	44,085	...	786	786	8,28,963	60,657	1,56,566	2,17,223	
1,151 1,133 1,112 1,682 680 864	450 300	1,601 1,133 1,112 1,682 980 1,064	11,606 2,087 ...	11,793 1,853 1,470 9,112 3,098 4,326	...	...	11,793 15,521 5,657 9,112 3,098 4,326	...	6,956 160 ...	6,956 160 ...	1,46,795 1,11,380 1,46,005 1,90,447 75,369 1,10,775	210 1,065 ...	28,836 63,115 51,168 1,48,736 48,689 20,473	29,055 64,180 61,153 1,55,943 48,701 22,094	
6,531	650	7,181	13,755	32,252	...	...	46,007	...	7,125	7,125	7,62,975	10,220	3,64,903	3,71,123	
1,180 2,596 601 15,783	... ... ... ...	1,180 2,596 601 15,783	...	3,188 37,112 5,174 6,738	...	...	3,188 37,112 5,174 6,738	...	...	...	1,53,682 2,77,127 1,09,277 3,06,381	...	70,734 72,314 71,243 64,892	76,734 96,801 72,438 71,774	
20,419	...	20,419	...	52,212	...	...	52,212	...	...	...	8,47,207	32,714	2,85,083	3,17,797	
8,511 8,437 2,487	... 613 ...	8,511 4,959 2,467	...	5,655 10,790 12,974	...	...	5,655 10,790 12,974	...	...	...	2,28,350 1,32,981 1,75,940	1,954 5,385 2,097	65,820 40,654 23,079	67,774 52,039 25,510	
21,415	613	22,028	2,710	30,422	...	...	32,133	...	6,440	6,440	5,37,330	9,376	1,36,063	1,45,439	
2,442 2,554 4,702 23,040 1,487 2,831 2,629	... ... ... ... ... ... ...	2,442 2,554 4,702 24,040 1,487 2,831 2,629	...	20,181 24,713 8,048 31,273 12,925 2,617 30,060	...	...	20,181 24,713 8,048 31,273 12,925 2,617 30,060	...	1,289 1,289 ...	1,289 1,289 ...	3,11,433 2,82,017 2,20,369 3,14,016 1,70,103 2,52,370 3,53,019	2,025 7,839 1,185 605 60 187 10,640	29,578 1,39,030 41,500 79,179 42,394 36,953 1,52,948	31,003 1,47,475 42,588 79,274 42,359 37,170 1,93,597	
29,439	...	29,439	20,591	1,29,816	...	...	1,60,337	5,587	6,878	12,465	19,11,146	22,642	5,52,118	5,74,769	
6,528 3,713 9,065 4,915	... ... ... ...	6,528 3,713 9,065 4,915	...	26,493 9,089 8,002 8,900	...	...	26,493 9,089 8,002 8,900	1,125 ...	1,125 ...	2,350 ...	2,75,373 2,04,586 1,87,396 78,035	5,840 3,491 378 1,054	71,506 32,647 37,118 15,551	77,705 36,075 37,390 15,905	
33,111	...	33,111	...	48,044	...	...	48,044	1,125	1,125	2,350	7,45,386	10,703	1,47,491	1,58,186	
3,110 601 749	... 200 ...	3,116 701 749	...	600 2,201 5,543	...	...	600 2,201 5,543	...	...	...	1,56,051 77,978 65,005	1,103 2,510 181	5,495 8,125 10,805	6,604 10,686 10,805	
4,306	300	4,506	...	9,444	...	...	9,404	...	...	...	2,92,925	3,760	24,455	28,205	
1,61,511	12,953	1,81,464	53,549	3,55,982	...	...	4,39,531	6,712	22,563	29,275	60,66,066	1,82,115	19,06,095	20,88,210	
4,00,305	19,775	2,60,170	61,917	3,37,391	...	...	3,50,305	4,701	12,669	17,369	66,74,415	152,799	16,49,395	18,02,194	

FORM

Statement showing the details of the works undertaken for the improvement of sanitation

DISTRICT BOARD.	IMPROVEMENT OF WATER-SUPPLY.									IMPROVEMENT OF VILLAGES INCLUDING VILLAGES	
	New tanks dug.		New wells sunk.		Existing sources of supply repaired or otherwise improved.		Watchmen employed to guard sources of drinking water-supply.		Total expenditure.	Village site improvements, i.e., laying out streets, drains, &c.	
	Number of works.	Cost.	Number of works.	Cost.	Number and description of works.	Cost.	Source and number of men employed.	Cost.		Number of villages.	Cost.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
BURDWAN DIVISION.											
Burdwan	...	Rs. 546	2	546	...	...	...	...	Rs. 546	...	...
Birbhum	...	...	5	1,575	Re-excavating a tank and clearing silt of a few wells and vegetation from a reserved tank.	245	...	...	1,530	...	...
Bankura	3	881	13	1,781	11	37	...	...	1,830	...	...
Midnapore	...	...	6	1,506	Repairing five wells, re-excavating and improving tanks.	713	...	...	3,376	...	...
Hooahly	...	...	5	1,300	...	1,349	...	...	3,308	...	...
Howrah	...	840	5	431	Purchase of tube-well materials, &c., for repair of the tube-wells.	1,489	...	...	3,780	...	...
Divisional Total...	5	1,871	28	7,700	15	4,023	...	...	13,003	...	...
PRESIDENCY DIVISION.											
24 Parganas	...	...	3	126	Re-excavation of a tank at Bahuta.	517	...	...	...	...	...
					Constructing a Tal-wood ghat for a tank.	80	...	...	...	...	...
					Repairing a tank	100	...	...	...	...	...
					Do. a tank	40	...	...	1,171	...	...
					Do. two tanks	257	...	...	...	...	...
					Do. one tank	16	...	...	...	...	...
					Repairs of two tube-wells.	21	...	...	...	...	...
					Improving one well	14	...	...	...	...	...
Nadia	Materials collected	...	13	1,209 602	...	...	...	...	1,161	...	...
Marashidabad	Sinking well at Binodighi	...	...	325	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Ditto Panchgram	...	...	387	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Ditto Nowada	...	...	404	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Ditto Goodha	...	...	176	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Ditto Dayrampur	...	...	170	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Ditto Bilchatra	...	...	208	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Ditto Hoorahi	...	...	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sinking a pukka well at Kaladanga.	...	...	128	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
					Repairing three pukka wells.	110	...	...	...	...	...
					Re-excavating a tank at Kanakpara.	414	...	...	2,598	...	...

No. IV.

by the District Boards in Bengal during the year ending 31st March 1900.

VILLAGE SITES, &c., REMOVAL OF RANK TATION.			CONSERVANCY OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.				SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS AT FAIRS AND FESTIVALS.		OTHER OBJECTS CALCULATED TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY, HEALTH, COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE OF THE RURAL POPULATION.			REMARKS
Removal of prickly- pear and rank vegetation.		Total expenditure.	Names of towns and villages conserved.	Scavenging establish- ments.		Arrangements made for the supervision of these establish- ments.	Names of places conserved.	Cost.	Particulars.	Cost.	GRAND TOTAL.	
Number of villages.	Cost.			Number of men and of carts.	Cost.							
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
								Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	
000	000	...	...	...	Joydeb, Ken- duli and Bakrowar.	440	Expenses in connection with the prevention of bubonic plague, charges for treatment of cattle- disease and for treatment of cholera in the interior of the district.	1,089	3,355	
000	...	000	...	...	...	...		600	Allowance to a Civil Hos- pital Assistant and of medicines for treatment of cholera patients at Radhanagore.	42	2,881	
...	...	000	000	...	...	...	Hatnagar fair	25	Pay of mehtar for clearing ditch of Contal town and price of sulphur, &c., supplied during an out- break of cholera.	212	2,516	
000	...	000	...	...	...	...		600	Clearing jungle, drain- cutting, &c., temporary female Hospital, cholera medicines, &c., plague.	4,080	3,858	
...			7,436	
...		471		6,029	10,591	
									Improving drainage of the low land near the Budge-Budge Dispen- sary.	175	5,000	
									Surveying and levelling the Monoganga between Garia and Surgupur.	112		
									Re-excavation of a drain along the Kulpi Road.	210		
									Improvement of drains within the three unions.	355		
									Silt-clearance of Sunti and Nowi nadia.	363		
									Silt-clearance of three khals in Diamond Har- bour.	184		
									Plague charges	421		
									Pay and travelling allow- ance of a Veterinary Assistant deputed to check an outbreak of cattle-plague in thana Hasnabad in the Basir- hat subdivision.	53		
		000	...	...	...	...		...			1,181	
									Repairing northern drain- age cut.	331	3,470	
									Repairing southern drain- age cut.	550		

DISTRICT BOARD.	IMPROVEMENT OF WATER-SUPPLY.									IMPROVEMENT OF INCLUDING VEGE	
	New tanks dug.		New wells sunk.		Existing sources of supply repaired or otherwise improved.		Watchmen employed to guard sources of drinking water-supply.		Total expenditure.	Village site improvements, i.e., laying out streets, drains, &c.	
	Number of works.	Cost.	Number of works.	Cost.	Number and description of works.	Cost.	Sources and number of men employed.	Cost.		Number of villages.	Cost.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
PRESIDENCY DIVISION—continued.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.			Rs.		Rs.
Jessore ...	3	2,080	1	25	One well repaired. Constructing pukka khat to one tank. Clearing Bhawanipur khal. Repairs to railings of one tank.	13 189 600 23			2,878		
Khulna ...	Fencing 1,793 and digging 18 tanks. Excavating 1,340 two new tanks and completing two new tanks of 1894-99. Contribution for excavating a tank at Patigacha police-station.				Repairing and maintaining 18 existing tanks. Cost of taking deed of gift of lands on which tanks have been excavated.	473 26			3,062		
Divisional Total ...	26	5,811	24	4,080	37	2,899			12,140		
RAJSHAHY DIVISION.											
Rajshahi ...	4	3,060	4	1,983	3 Tanks ... 7 Wells ... Narod khal ...	36 161 98			4,840		
Dinajpur ...			2	1,320	5	44			1,364	Improvement of Thakurgaon drainage.	47
Jaipalguri ...			16	1,765	1	1			1,766		
Rangpur ...			8 Tube-wells 3 Masonry wells.	616 737	19 Tube-wells 36 Masonry wells. 1 Ring-well	313 1,013 26			2,604		
Bogra ...			3	970	5	41			1,011		
Fabna ...	1	335	3 Ring-wells 10 Masonry wells.	33 3,604	Masonry wells repaired. 1 tank re-excavated.	105 645			4,681		
Divisional Total ...	6	2,404	47	10,920	78	2,643			18,975	1	47

VILLAGE SITES, &c., REMOVAL OF RANK TATION.				CONSERVANCY OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.				SANITARY ARRANGE- MENTS AT FAIRS AND FESTIVALS.		OTHER OBJECTS CALCULATED TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY, HEALTH, COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE OF THE RURAL POPULATION.			
Removal of prickly- pear and rank vegetation.		Total expenditure.	Names of towns and villages conserved.	Scavenging establishment.			Names of places conserved.	Cost.	Particulars.	Cost.	GRAND TOTAL.	REMARKS.	
Number of villages.	Cost.			Number of men and of carts.	Cost.	Arrangements made for the supervision of these establish- ments.							
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	Rs.	Rs.			Rs.			Rs.		Rs.	Rs.		
3	100	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	One sweeper for Narail trenching- ground.	72	3,581	
									Survey of khals, &c., for cutting them.	151			
									Spur works on the bank of river Navaganga at Magura.	200			
.....	.....	.....	Bagirhat subdivisional town.		98	.....	.....	.....	Cholera medicines and travelling allowance of Civil Hospital Assist- ant on special duty and medi- cines and travel- ling allowance of Civil Hospital Assistant for affording medi- cine relief in places far from existing dispen- saries.	100	3,940	
3	100	100	.....	.....	98	.....	.....	2,003	.....	3,906	10,308	
							Khetur and Premtali.	142	Drains— Nagra road... 290 Putia ... 8 Achintola ... 100 Bairagi ... 100 Kajla ... 60 Bhadra ... 50 Bekua ... 5 Khalua ... 112 Bettara Jola 150 Total ... 875	875	5,806		
Clearing jungle at Thakur- gaon.	7	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Repairs to Dinaj- pur Drainage Canal.	115	1,533	
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,766	
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Improvement of Rangpur drain- age.	16,137	20,772	
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Repairs to drain- age at Nilpha- mari.	81		
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,011	
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,861	
1	7	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	142	.....	10,186	26,329	

DISTRICT BOARD.	IMPROVEMENT OF WATER-SUPPLY.									IMPROVEMENT OF INCLUDING RE VEGE	
	New tanks dug.		New wells sunk.		Existing sources of supply repaired or otherwise improved.		Watchmen em- ployed to guard sources of drinking water-supply.		Total expenditure.	Village site improve- ments, i.e., laying out streets, drains, &c.	
	Number of works.	Cost.	Number of works.	Cost.	Number and description of works.	Cost.	Sources and number of men employed.	Cost.		Number of villages.	Cost.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
DACCA DIVISION.											
Dacca	3	Rs. 2,416	11	Rs. 1,089	{ 1 Tank 6 Wells 66 Tube-wells	Rs. 230 808 1,158		Rs.	Rs. 5,716		Rs.
Mymensingh	10	5,368	72	7,886	{ 15 Tanks 52 Wells	2,781			15,987		
Faridpur	11	2,525	6	72	10 Tanks	1,612			4,209		
Backergunge	25	18,055			40 Do.	1,089			19,114		
Divisional Total	55	28,264	87	9,049	179	7,663			44,976		
CHITTAGONG DIVISION.											
Tippera					7 Tanks	4,005			4,005	13	7,278
Noakhali					Re-excavating Ichakhali tank. Clearing weeds, &c., of 31 tanks. Shaking ghats of betel-nut trees of a re- served tank. Putting iron- wire net fence- ing on the banks of Raja- jhi tank at Fenny. Making rafts for clearing weeds, &c., of Rajajhi tank at Fenny.	28 496 3 227 3	One guard for Raja- jhi tank at Fenny.	84	781		
Chittagong			1	64	Fencing round the tank at Hathazari. Repairing cy- clone damage to ditto. Putting drain pipe in south bank of Sita Kund tank. Re-excavating tank at Fatik- chhari.	13 2 45 2			126		
Divisional Total			1	64	30	4,765	1	84	4,915	13	7,278

VILLAGE SITES, &c., MOVAL OF BANK TATION.		CONSERVANCY OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.					SANITARY ARRANGE- MENTS AT FAIRS AND FESTIVALS.		OTHER OBJECTS CALCULATED TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY, HEALTH, COMFORT, AND CONVENIENCE OF THE RURAL POPULATION.				
Removal of prickly pear and rank vegetation.		Total expenditure.	Names of towns and villages conserved.	Scavenging establishments.			Names of places conserved.	Cost.	Particulars.	Cost.	GRAND TOTAL.	REMARKS.	
Number of villages.	Cost.			Number of men and of carts.	Cost.	Arrangements made for the supervision of these estab- lishments.							
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
		Rs.					1. Kartic-Ba- rui Fair. 1. Nangal- bund Fair.	Rs. 512 858			Rs. 7,093		
							Bagunbari Fair, Shambhugan) Ashtun melas.	87			16,024		
											4,209		
											19,114		
								1,457			46,433		
		7,378									11,294		
									Clearing boat passages. Improving Sahabghata roadside drain. Surveying and levelling the drain from Megumganj- Lakhipore road to Chandragan) khal and Azampur bil. Putting drain- pipes on three roads. Cutting a drain at Hatiya under Hatiya Union Com- mittee. Clearing a drain at Sandip under Sandip Union Com- mittee. Opening and clearing drains on the banks of Kajajhi at Fenny.	253 454 30 541 37 15 17	3,180		
									Pipe work at Sambho Nath Temple.	15	141		
		7,378								1,304	13,555		

DISTRICT BOARD.	IMPROVEMENT OF WATER-SUPPLY.										IMPROVEMENT OF INCLUDING VILLAGES		
	New tanks dug.		New wells sunk.		Existing sources of supply repaired or otherwise improved.		Watchmen employed to guard sources of drinking water-supply.		Total expenditure.	Village site improvements, i.e., laying out streets, drains, &c.			
	Number of works.	Cost.	Number of works.	Cost.	Number and description of works.	Cost.	Sources and number of men employed.	Cost.		Number of villages.	Cost.		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
PATNA DIVISION.			Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	
Patna				10	1,969	10	1,041			3,010	51	1,208	
Gaya				8	1,296	Repairing 21 roadside wells on the district roads under District Engineer. Repairing roadside wells in Jahana- bad Local Board. Repairing Nimtola well in Nowada Local Board. Repairing 11 wells in Nawada town. Repairing a parapet of 4 ft. wall on Aurangabad to Radiganj road.	780		2,025	Clearing drains in Aurangabad town, Otrabazar, Nabinagar, Basar, Nowada town, Jahana- bad town, and cost of iron latrine in Jahana- bad town.	219		
Shahabad				10	469		12 Wells repaired and cleansed	2,418			2,887		
Saran				4 Pucka wells.	1,536		986 Pucka wells and 19 kutchu wells	1,764	Filterpoena, coolies for Abbey filter wells.		518	3,618	
Champaran				5	544						544		
Muzaffarpur				2	245	Improvement of 7 roadside wells and cleansing and disinfecting 297 wells, &c.	1,090			1,445			
Darbhanga						Repairs of 134 wells	1,452			1,452			
Divisional Total		5	544	24	5,608	847	8,513		515	18,181	51	1,425	
SHAHALPUR DIVISION.													
Monghyr				8	1,779	139	1,490			3,269			
Bhagalpur				Tube-wells 4	108	Sanitary wells 9 Tube-wells 21 Ordinary wells 5 Jubilee Fountain 1	65 524 25 14		780				
Farraka				Masonry wells 8 Tube-wells 2	1,781	Masonry wells 30 Tube-wells 14	1,871		3,652				
Malda				1	192	8	39	One tank at Bharadangi re-excavated 1	115	306			
Divisional Total		1	192	20	2,721	230	4,084			8,007			

VILLAGE SITING, &c., REMOVAL OF BANK STATION.		CONSERVANCY OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.					SANITARY ARRANGE- MENTS AT FAIRS AND FESTIVALS.		OTHER OBJECTS CALCULATED TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY, HEALTH, COMFORT, AND CONVENIENCE OF THE RURAL POPULATION.			
Removal of prickly- pear and rank vegetation.		Total expenditure.	Names of towns and villages conserved.	Scavenging establishments.			Names of places conserved.	Cost.	Particulars.	Cost.	GRAND TOTAL.	REMARKS.
Number of villages.	Cost.			Number of men and of carts.	Cost.	Arrangements made for the supervision of these establishments.						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
11	Rs. 615	Rs. 1,891	.....	.....	Rs. 1,120	.....	3	Rs. 65	.....	Rs. 1,880	Rs. 6,768	
.....	319	.....	3 peons and 9 sweepers and 1 cart- man.	1,120	.....		40	Disinfecting wells. Pay and travelling allowance and contingent charges of Sanitary Inspectors. Cost of medicines supplied to Sanitary Inspectors for distribution during cholera epidemic. Expenses incurred on account of pay of plague chaukidars under Superintendent of Police. Pay and allowance of Veterinary Assistant and cost of medicines, &c., supplied to him. Vaccination establishment.	3,733	7,197	
.....	Contribution for the main- tenance of Arrah water works.	4,000	6,987	
.....	One sweeper	48	.....	Sonepur, Bil- hour, Mehu- ar, Thaway, and Kuchar- koti.	3,648	Miscellaneous	40	7,600	
.....	Pay, &c., of plague chaukidars and cost of medicines and contribution towards cost of Plague Camps.	4,013	4,557	
.....	Expenses during the preva- lence of bubonic plague.	1,691	3,068	
.....	Pay and travelling allowance of Veterinary Assistant, (to- gether with cost of medi- cines,) deputed to detect cattle-disease. Cost of chau- kidars deputed on plague duty and stationed at several railway stations. Value of medicines for plague. Mis- cellaneous expenditure on plague, and on Mircha and Jelwar camps, and vaccine charges.	1,709	3,161	
11	615	2,040	.....	14 men	1,168	.....	.....	3,748	.....	17,002	30,134	
.....	3,209	
.....	Cholera medicines, contin- gencies and travelling allow- ance of Hospital Assistant on cholera duty.	514	1,414	
.....	Special allowance to vaccina- tors employed on tracts affected by the late flood of 24th September 1899.	120		
.....	Pay and travelling allow- ance of Civil Hospital Assistant deputed on cholera duty.	73	3,780	
.....	Price of cholera medicine ...	75		
.....	Clearing snags from naviga- ble rivers.	249	901	
.....	Baling water from a polluted ditch and cutting outlets of polluted waterpool.	198		
.....	1,316	9,223	

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DISTRICT BOARD.	IMPROVEMENT OF WATER-SUPPLY.									IMPROVEMENT OF INCLUDING VEGE				
	New tanks dug.		New wells sunk.		Existing sources of supply repaired or otherwise improved.		Watchmen employed to guard sources of drinking water-supply.		Total expenditure.	Village site improvements, i.e., laying out streets, drains, &c.				
	Number of works.	Cost.	Number of works.	Cost.	Number and description of works.	Cost.	Soured and number of men employed.	Cost.		Number of villages.	Cost.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
ORISSA DIVISION.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Cuttack	000	000	...	00000	19	534	Tanks	4	1,169	00000	00000	1,603	00000	00000
Balasore	000	000	...	00000	...	00000	...	00000	...	00000	...	...	00000	00000
Puri	000	...	1	151	3	321	...	2	373	00000	00000	344	00000	00000
Divisional Total ...	1	151	23	865	6	1,531	2,537
GRAND TOTAL ...	04	38,137	273	41,964	1,416	36,129	...	603	1,16,823	65	8,750

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VILLAGE SITES, &c., REMOVAL OF RANK TATION.		CONSERVANCY OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.					SANITARY ARRANGE- MENTS AT FAIRS AND FESTIVALS.		OTHER OBJECTS CALCULATED TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY, HEALTH, COMFORT, AND CONVENIENCE OF THE RURAL POPULATION.			
Removal of prickly pear and rank vegetation.		Total expenditure.	Names of towns and villages conserved.	Scavenging establishments.			Names of places conserved.	Cost.	Particulars.	Cost.	GRAND TOTAL.	REMARKS.
Number of villages.	Cost.			Number of men and of carts.	Cost.	Arrangements made for the supervision of these establish- ments.						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Rs.	Rs.			Rs.			Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	
			Bhad- rak.		10	{ Almja Cowpur		10 10		Vaccination expense dur- ing preva- lence of bubo- nic plague and cost of disinfectants.	1,005 30 1,925	1,005 30 2,760
					10			20		1,925	4,402	
15	782	9,632			1,276			8,486		50,000	1,86,125	

APPENDIX A.

Statement showing the number, Income and Expenditure of Pounds under each District Board in Bengal during the year 1899-1900.

DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF POUNDS.			INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.			SURPLUS.			Balance due on 31st March 1900.	REMARKS.
	Farmed.	Managed direct.	Total.	Farmed.	Managed direct.	Total.	Farmed.	Managed direct.	Total.	Farmed.	Managed direct.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
BURDWAN DIVISION.														
Burdwan	105	...	105	10,538	...	10,538	560	...	560	9,978	...	9,978	580	
Birbhum	77	...	77	7,823	...	7,823	780	...	780	7,043	...	7,043	...	
Bankura	82	...	82	1,878	...	1,878	39	...	39	1,839	...	1,839	54	
Midnapore	144	...	144	10,053	...	10,053	581	...	581	9,472	...	9,472	1,457	
Hooghly	85	...	85	7,185	...	7,185	154	...	154	7,031	...	7,031	1,207	
Howrah	50	...	50	5,948	...	5,948	320	...	320	5,628	...	5,628	154	
Divisional Total ...	503	...	503	41,425	...	41,425	2,214	...	2,214	39,211	...	39,211	3,462	
PRESIDENCY DIVISION.														
24-Pargannas	121	...	121	5,152	...	5,152	640	...	640	4,512	...	4,512	920	
Nadia	228	...	228	28,217	...	28,217	755	...	755	27,462	...	27,462	5,180	
Murshidabad	76	...	76	11,558	...	11,558	373	...	373	11,185	...	11,185	363	
Jessore	191	1	192	21,885	247	22,132	543	48	630	21,503	100	21,603	2,385	
Khulna	82	...	82	4,205	...	4,205	237	...	237	3,968	...	3,968	955	
Divisional Total ...	688	1	689	71,012	247	71,259	2,591	48	2,634	68,426	100	68,526	9,769	
RAJSHAHI DIVISION.														
Rajshahi	101	...	101	12,261	...	12,261	883	...	883	11,378	...	11,378	1,601	
Dinajpur	121	...	121	20,079	...	20,079	117	...	117	20,862	...	20,862	2,936	
Jalpaiguri	82	...	82	17,983	...	17,983	10	...	10	17,973	...	17,973	600	
Rangpur	174	...	174	12,241	...	12,241	10	...	10	12,231	...	12,231	3,506	
Bogra	56	12	68	7,430	205	7,635	17	...	17	7,418	205	7,623	227	
Patna	117	...	117	10,015	...	10,015	891	...	891	9,124	...	9,124	2,044	
Divisional Total ...	651	12	663	80,969	205	81,174	1,928	...	1,928	78,981	205	79,186	11,108	
DACCA DIVISION.														
Dacca	185	...	185	8,013	...	8,013	217	...	217	7,796	...	7,796	3,594	
Mymensingh	306	...	306	40,287	3	40,290	3,213	3	3,216	37,074	...	37,074	1,213	
Faridpur	128	...	128	6,619	...	6,619	411	...	411	6,208	...	6,208	205	
Backergunge	94	20	114	11,039	206	11,245	33	21	53	11,197	187	11,384	1,302	
Divisional Total ...	713	20	733	66,958	211	67,169	3,873	24	3,897	62,085	187	62,272	6,483	
CHITTAGONG DIVISION.														
Tippura	134	...	134	6,050	...	6,050	1,431	...	1,431	5,519	...	5,519	858	
Noakhali	94	...	94	7,774	...	7,774	306	...	306	7,378	...	7,378	4,069	
Chittagong	88	...	88	4,008	...	4,008	31	...	31	3,977	...	3,977	3,077	
Divisional Total ...	316	...	316	18,732	...	18,732	1,868	...	1,868	16,874	...	16,874	8,924	
PATNA DIVISION.														
Patna	35	...	35	8,445	...	8,445	229	...	229	8,216	...	8,216	840	
Gaya	68	2	70	9,671	442	10,113	990	72	1,062	8,771	370	9,141	1,938	
Shahabad	57	...	57	5,804	6	5,810	405	11	416	5,394	...	5,394	1,110	
Saran	56	...	56	5,387	...	5,387	743	...	743	4,644	...	4,644	720	
Champaran	88	...	88	12,087	...	12,087	...	...	...	12,087	...	12,087	1,013	
Muzaffarpur	173	...	173	5,760	...	5,760	96	...	96	5,664	...	5,664	676	
Darbhanga	90	...	90	6,712	...	6,712	178	...	178	6,534	...	6,534	78	
Divisional Total ...	547	2	549	48,835	448	49,283	2,551	83	2,634	46,244	365	46,609	6,082	
BHAGALPUR DIVISION.														
Monghyr	54	3	57	15,570	1,301	16,871	1,045	430	2,575	13,025	771	14,306	466	
Bhagalpur	73	...	73	23,696	...	23,696	74	...	74	23,622	...	23,622	1,005	
Patna	92	...	92	46,292	...	46,292	403	...	403	45,889	...	45,889	1,630	
Siida	63	...	63	14,911	...	14,911	857	...	857	14,054	...	14,054	684	
Divisional Total ...	282	3	285	1,00,469	1,301	1,01,770	3,374	430	3,804	97,935	771	97,866	4,685	
ORISSA DIVISION.														
Cuttack	85	2	87	5,552	222	5,774	222	286	518	5,324	...	5,324	700	
Balasore	67	3	70	2,581	320	2,901	145	134	279	2,436	225	2,661	1,356	
Puri	23	6	29	1,886	196	2,082	176	167	343	1,710	20	1,730	...	
Divisional Total ...	175	11	186	10,019	738	10,757	543	587	1,140	9,460	220	9,680	3,056	
GRAND TOTAL ...	3,064	48	3,112	4,37,350	3,000	4,40,350	18,937	1,173	20,110	4,18,322	1,027	4,20,349	53,597	

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APPENDIX B.

Statement showing details of Educational Expenditure (vide Form No. III, columns 18 to 29)

DISTRICT.	INSPECTION (INCLUDING SALARIES, TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES AND CONTINGENCIES OF) —		MAINTAINED OR MANAGED BY DISTRICT BOARDS.						AIDED BY BOARDS.								
	Sub-Inspectors.	Inspecting Pandits.	Teaching and other Schools.	High Schools, including schools managed by Joint-Committees.	MIDDLE SCHOOLS.		Primary Schools for boys.	Grand total of Board schools.	Special Schools, including Training Schools.	High Schools.	MIDDLE SCHOOLS.		Upper.	Lower.	Primary Schools for girls.	Total Primary Schools.	Grand total of aided schools.
					English.	Vernacular.					English.	Vernacular.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BURDWAN DIVISION.																	
Burdwan ...	Rs. 6,944	Rs. 3,280	Rs. 2,461	...	Rs. 70	Rs. 3,957	...	Rs. 6,404	Rs. 108	...	Rs. 9,337	Rs. 2,800	Rs. 6,519	Rs. 12,223	Rs. 565	Rs. 10,710	Rs. 32,454
Barbhum ...	3,638	1,659	...	...	...	2,018	...	2,648	...	...	2,687	1,206	2,683	5,519	613	8,795	12,458
Bankura ...	4,011	2,047	...	...	...	2,701	...	2,701	...	...	3,871	2,363	6,718	7,716	880	14,723	20,247
Midnapore ...	13,000	2,903	...	...	1,780	6,423	...	6,263	1,281	...	5,722	2,803	6,700	15,686	1,113	26,350	30,465
Hooghly ...	6,700	2,212	...	...	1,060	...	...	1,060	...	...	7,675	1,903	4,343	10,034	879	15,256	24,531
Howrah ...	2,634	827	...	...	1,080	...	...	1,080	...	...	2,636	563	2,500	3,204	730	6,503	8,732
Total ...	80,227	12,937	2,461	...	4,606	13,120	...	20,183	1,281	108	31,823	11,787	20,572	60,822	5,108	91,536	1,36,509
PRESIDENCY DIVISION.																	
24 Parganas ...	10,655	1,792	...	...	...	1,505	...	1,505	45	240	4,524	4,070	2,677	17,922	475	20,974	24,404
Nadia ...	6,880	...	...	...	...	1,942	...	1,942	...	336	6,773	1,714	4,214	7,123	1,702	13,030	24,492
Murshidabad ...	4,301	296	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,059	1,144	2,442	7,385	327	10,164	13,467
Jessore ...	5,758	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	108	3,517	3,346	5,045	7,099	1,583	14,337	21,467
Khulna ...	5,291	...	...	...	...	1,070	...	1,070	...	...	4,187	3,426	3,168	8,305	1,290	12,652	20,473
Total ...	32,885	2,088	...	...	...	4,526	...	4,526	45	744	21,060	13,594	18,056	47,834	5,280	71,170	1,06,610
RAJSHAHI DIVISION.																	
Rajshahi ...	5,124	...	2,598	...	...	880	...	3,457	...	...	3,259	1,423	4,502	11,004	203	15,804	24,775
Dinajpur ...	4,482	3,636	...	...	1,460	2,191	...	3,660	120	...	1,807	1,502	3,132	8,976	240	11,759	15,495
Jaipur ...	3,210	...	...	...	587	427	...	1,914	...	...	789	...	...	...	...	7,087	9,444
Rangpur ...	5,066	368	6,243	...	...	3,005	...	8,228	1,880	...	3,170	1,077	1,091	6,013	683	22,541	32,457
Bohag ...	1,650	1,066	...	...	...	3,266	5,261	8,517	72	...	1,260	4,660	6,180	16,830	832	22,541	32,457
Patna ...	4,418	2,484	6,938	...	...	341	...	7,970	692	112	2,876	1,738	5,116	6,073	1,510	12,908	17,580
Total ...	20,400	7,536	14,789	...	3,056	10,089	5,251	32,165	2,404	112	13,167	11,852	21,026	45,888	3,281	70,189	97,314
DAKKA DIVISION.																	
Dacca ...	8,149	3,143	...	...	...	...	...	...	128	...	6,805	3,681	6,455	11,293	9,341	20,109	30,521
Mymensingh ...	8,697	4,484	1,716	...	...	3,690	686	5,332	465	...	8,010	2,140	6,487	12,384	1,411	22,282	32,566
Faridpur ...	5,654	1,902	...	...	...	1,917	...	1,917	155	228	3,958	1,723	5,486	8,160	2,393	16,130	22,792
Backergunge ...	7,341	6,012	5,181	...	...	2,203	...	7,474	...	...	4,593	1,777	5,742	10,870	806	17,422	27,038
Total ...	20,761	15,541	6,897	...	...	7,240	686	14,723	745	228	23,375	9,340	26,482	42,601	6,950	70,033	1,06,779
CHITTAGONG DIVISION.																	
Tinaguri ...	5,648	3,904	9,592	...	...	920	...	10,442	...	760	2,706	1,038	7,682	12,845	3,590	23,073	25,407
Naakhali ...	6,245	2,225	...	...	629	1,278	...	1,907	305	...	2,498	1,640	4,865	8,875	1,015	14,815	18,168
Chittagong ...	5,923	1,766	...	...	...	2,761	...	2,761	...	899	3,977	4,100	6,427	18,309	3,136	28,018	39,863
Total ...	16,116	8,915	9,592	...	679	4,949	...	15,110	305	1,659	8,991	6,833	18,824	40,110	7,800	66,806	84,583
PATNA DIVISION.																	
Patna ...	4,603	2,837	...	...	...	3,234	...	3,234	...	...	...	...	2,305	11,735	1,749	15,687	15,687
Gaya ...	4,108	2,188	...	...	...	1,513	...	1,513	62	...	1,344	...	3,065	10,601	76	13,742	10,397
Shahabad ...	4,160	1,980	...	...	...	2,491	...	2,491	...	...	...	...	2,036	5,400	68	7,549	8,207
Saran ...	4,147	2,453	...	...	...	3,570	...	3,570	...	...	...	...	3,112	7,724	...	11,431	12,194
Champaran ...	2,667	1,970	...	...	1,051	837	...	1,908	377	...	468	...	1,874	8,554	109	10,328	11,125
Mithapur ...	4,491	3,148	...	...	...	1,616	...	1,616	...	...	1,181	...	2,391	11,735	419	14,555	15,741
Barhanga ...	3,866	2,749	...	...	132	300	...	631	...	...	220	...	2,372	16,876	711	18,010	19,130
Total ...	28,628	15,334	...	...	1,184	13,079	...	14,803	480	...	4,650	362	17,033	71,503	3,703	92,246	97,994
BHAGALPUR DIVISION.																	
Manchur ...	3,353	3,223	...	1,450	...	3,981	...	5,431	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagalpur ...	3,997	2,670	...	...	2,279	167	...	2,446	1,800	414	618	198	3,481	11,325	1,804	16,111	17,197
Purnea ...	4,996	2,706	...	...	...	1,880	...	1,880	...	...	783	162	2,944	8,880	353	12,927	15,908
Malda ...	2,111	1,326	...	...	...	1,617	...	1,617	...	...	818	...	2,825	2,938	247	13,146	14,969
Total ...	13,740	10,221	...	1,450	2,279	7,651	...	11,380	1,800	414	2,201	2,565	13,228	32,953	1,857	47,080	54,938
ORISSA DIVISION.																	
Cuttack ...	5,124	5,296	...	...	782	1,604	280	2,726	233	...	3,033	482	5,807	19,004	1,618	19,480	24,157
Balasore ...	3,130	4,021	...	...	...	721	...	1,211	403	...	1,093	1,542	4,133	7,230	897	12,340	15,007
Puri ...	3,080	1,604	...	...	887	2,705	...	2,632	...	1,200	...	1,061	2,697	3,613	660	6,789	9,270
Total ...	11,344	11,504	...	...	1,669	4,130	280	6,669	636	1,200	4,445	3,485	12,567	22,927	3,081	33,574	40,434
GRAND TOTAL ...	1,07,093	87,106	39,639	1,450	12,413	65,413	6,117	1,10,032	7,078	4,456	1,12,200	80,314	1,55,783	3,60,640	37,243	4,53,680	7,37,341

DIX B.

incurred by the District Boards in Bengal during the year 1899-1900.

SCHOLARSHIPS HELD IN—				MISCELLANEOUS.													Grand Total.	Total Expenditure on Primary Education.	Ratio of expenditure on primary education to total ordinary income.	REMARKS.
Primary Schools.	Secondary Schools.	Special Schools.	Total.	BUILDINGS AND FURNITURE.			PAYMENTS TO ABOLISHED SCHOOLS.		EXAMINATION, PRIZES AND REWARDS.		CONTINGENT CHARGES.		Total Miscellaneous Charges.							
				Secondary Schools.	Primary Schools.	Total.	Secondary.	Primary.	Secondary Schools.	Primary Schools.	Secondary Schools.	Primary Schools.								
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36			
Rs. 90 147 132 126 484 240	Rs. 515 344 236 524 180	Rs. 736	Rs. 635 491 787 650 484 1,096	Rs. 30 65 337 14 30 300	Rs. ... 165 95	Rs. 31 228 432 14 30 300	Rs. 310 241 194	Rs. 110 46 171 108 102 384	Rs.	Rs. 660 351 905 3,031 930 383	Rs. ... 65	Rs. ... 216 512 ... 747 163	Rs. 1,109 908 3,020 2,144 2,050 1,424	Rs. 50,595 21,330 32,493 61,306 37,340 16,823	Rs. 29,413 14,174 32,104 42,098 24,611 10,667	14.3 14.0 25.3 15.6 16.3 10.8				
1,619	1,768	736	4,123	774	260	1,034	745	921	...	5,250	65	1,698	9,653	2,10,710	1,43,157	12.7				
463 134 68 140 602	245 287 246 ...	...	463 379 365 392 602	135 24 50 ...	...	135 54 405 86 ...	43 ...	110 188 374 103 69	...	1,352 355 456 737 308	...	331 101 ...	3,035 1,183 730 1,629 515	46,303 32,346 19,040 30,041 27,822	33,450 19,616 14,699 30,107 18,012	18.5 12.4 15.0 13.6 15.4		
1,473	778	...	2,251	169	135	304	1,124	752	...	2,308	60	654	6,092	1,54,461	1,06,084	15.1				
308 105 285 405 178 64	233 165 181 390 236	659 ... 61 ...	1,220 445 460 629 310	100 360 123 48 200	156	245 320 123 48 200	...	212 173 323 ...	...	325 392 518 354 114 410	36 ...	64 7 233 492 114 240	902 871 1,093 492 114 900	31,279 30,147 15,906 50,517 14,376 32,956	21,085 21,349 11,018 30,643 7,929 19,049	16.9 17.9 10.2 15.0 7.3 20.6			
1,625	1,080	730	3,933	750	156	936	407	700	...	2,113	60	553	4,661	1,76,211	1,11,641	14.6				
722 1,187 444 481	...	401 ...	722 1,509 444 601	60 ...	...	60 ...	666 20 ...	34 120 ...	...	1,670 1,736 250 60	...	111 494 234 572	3,541 2,396 484 641	45,369 55,323 32,600 45,951	32,398 37,811 23,363 30,469	22.3 12.08 21.3 11.07		
2,824	...	631	3,455	00	...	60	686	160	...	3,745	...	1,611	6,063	1,79,242	1,23,971	14.7				
843 546 345	453 273 363	308 120 137	1,104 980 555	...	26 ...	26 ...	...	104 ...	...	1,131 ...	...	321 135 543	1,556 161 542	51,121 39,045 48,107	34,204 22,143 34,889	10.8 20.3 23.3	
1,244	1,080	605	2,898	...	26	26	...	104	...	1,131	...	908	2,259	1,28,674	91,317	21.1				
1,080 316 924 219 216 334 611	...	301 360 483 577 301 520 234	1,479 1,475 1,928 1,247 517 982 874	...	423 ...	423 ...	...	...	...	1,609 1,179 887 1,524 524 2,091 1,092	...	...	1,609 2,477 1,210 2,050 1,100 3,464 2,253	20,739 28,441 10,545 25,482 19,634 39,419 20,412	25,082 23,368 15,007 19,170 15,783 31,795 27,624	8.9 8.3 6.5 7.7 12.9 10.15 9.8	
4,095	2,124	2,210	8,342	323	548	871	...	1,384	...	8,705	510	2,728	14,202	1,81,663	1,40,712	8.9				
490 300 180 96	500 197 106 217	116 64 ...	915 491 356 419	17 ...	...	17 ...	126 ...	632 61 86	61 ...	1,010 1,073 574 531	13 82 ...	599 329 429 125	1,758 2,162 1,378 1,101	31,789 26,620 24,907 15,412	34,108 20,357 30,712 9,658	10.4 10.7 14.3 10.7			
1,085	810	290	2,181	177	...	177	452	709	51	3,193	274	1,485	6,399	68,798	74,821	12.08				
535 295 225	637 260 577	395 ...	1,667 551 808	185 77 154	...	185 77 248	6 ...	751 538 174	...	1,386 444 530	...	225 310 218	3,503 1,589 1,612	41,867 27,532 10,319	32,004 21,616 12,095	25.7 20.3 18.3				
1,056	1,470	395	2,920	416	94	510	148	1,463	...	2,310	300	753	5,484	87,718	65,114	24.9				
14,893	9,719	5,553	30,165	2,069	1,219	3,288	3,622	6,259	51	29,656	1,292	10,214	53,012*	12,35,692*	8,66,827	14.4	* The difference of Rs. 20 between the total of "Miscellaneous charges" shown in column 32 of this statement against Rangpur and that shown in column 27 of Form III has not been explained.			

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APPENDIX C.

Statement comparing the salaries of District Engineers, the size of the districts, and the expenditure on Public Works in Bengal during 1899-1900.

Division.	Serial number.	NAME OF DISTRICT.	Area, in square miles [column 4 of Form I (a)].	Length of district roads [Appendix D columns 2 and 3].	Total expenditure (column 9 of Form III).	EXPENDITURE ON CIVIL WORKS, COLUMNS 7A TO 7F OF FORM III—							Annual charges on account of District Engineer's salary.	PERCENTAGE—					Rate of salary of District Engineers.	REMARKS.
						(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)		Of column 7 (g) on column 7 (a).	Of column 8 on column 7 (a).	Of column 7 (c) on column 7 (b).	Of column 8 on column 7 (b).			
																		Original Works.			Repairs.	Establishment and contingencies.	Tools and Plant.	Other works of improvement.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Burdwan	1	Burdwan	2,669	481	2,80,447	11,924	1,21,595	12,165	1,064	2,000	1,56,633	66.3	6.8	39.0	11.7	43	Ra. 775	At Ra. 740 for eight months. At Ra. 760 for four months. Ra. 400 Ra. 320 Ra. 300-10-400. Ra. 340 for ten months. Ra. 360 for two months.	
	2	Birbhum	1,761	368	1,01,005	5,631	44,136	10,390	64	.....	.....	61,011	10.1	32.3	30.3	30.3	43	Ra. 375
	3	Bankura	2,611	529	1,27,176	11,441	44,564	9,998	23	.....	51	66,112	60.4	7.8	36.0	17.8	43	Ra. 375	
	4	Midnapore	6,114	687	2,65,085	35,400	1,19,001	20,900	143	.....	.....	1,71,543	81.9	7.7	34.4	13.8	47	Ra. 360
	5	Hoojly	1,169	497	1,48,079	7,268	88,184	14,007	193	2,328	.....	88,640	64.8	6.4	34.8	21.1	7.3	Ra. 400	
	6	Howrah	409	83	1,04,467	36,743	37,432	6,995	243	2,759	.....	68,163	64.0	6.5	43.8	13.0	5.1	Ra. 360	
Total			18,893	2,376	10,30,888	69,317	4,46,513	81,265	1,476	2,108	2,081	6,86,951	63.4	7.8	36.3	14.9	5.4			
Presidency	1	24 Parganas	1,933	461.36	2,95,453	24,293	1,61,738	12,364	387	2,06,453	69.9	6.3	46.3	10.2	47		At Ra. 740 for eight months. At Ra. 760 for four months. Ra. 400 Ra. 320 Ra. 300-10-400. Ra. 340 for ten months. Ra. 360 for two months.	
	2	Nadia	2,704	749.5	1,21,303	6,962	44,248	12,545	246	.....	.....	65,001	85.5	11.1	35.9	20.4	9.3	Ra. 400
	3	Jalpaiguri	2,068	685.5	1,09,469	11,674	30,246	11,321	353	.....	66	62,865	68.1	11.1	33.7	23.0	7.4	Ra. 320	
	4	Jessore	2,525	633	2,00,676	30,367	93,210	13,327	379	657	.....	1,26,946	69.3	6.1	36.3	10.8	3.7	Ra. 300-10-400.	
	5	Khulna	2,077	463	1,11,071	17,893	32,097	10,406	77	.....	.....	61,363	55.1	9.5	23.9	20.9	7.1	Ra. 340 for ten months. Ra. 360 for two months.
	6	Total	11,977	2,775.36	8,28,933	81,949	2,71,191	67,673	1,341	637	66	5,23,157	63.9	8.0	37.8	14.3	5.5			
Raichahi	1	Raichahi	2,607.5	537.5	1,44,786	22,103	40,822	14,118	623	1,890	55,428	53.3	9.3	50.9	20.4	10.4	Ra. 600	Ra. 600 Ra. 600 Ra. 600 Ra. 600 Ra. 600 Ra. 600	
	2	Dinajpur	2,942	1,047.0	1,13,389	10,814	35,585	12,699	669	.....	.....	60,540	46.1	11.5	46.5	35.1	16.3	Ra. 600
	3	Jalpaiguri	2,680	793	1,48,047	24,945	64,459	18,422	348	.....	1,757	1,14,580	77.6	9.0	36.5	13.5	4.9	Ra. 600	
	4	Rangpur	2,673	1,010	1,89,447	70,769	30,836	29,658	436	.....	.....	1,13,370	66.5	10.3	40.7	32.6	9.3	Ra. 600
	5	Boara	1,351.5	337	75,586	21,143	18,855	7,735	338	738	67	40,446	65.4	10.1	40.3	18.9	7.5	Ra. 600		
	6	Pabna	1,823	627.7	1,10,778	26,198	35,397	10,135	483	.....	67	60,239	54.3	9.1	35.5	20.3	7.3	Ra. 370	
Total			16,065	4,365.26	7,92,275	1,64,870	3,61,777	79,634	2,834	733	3,771	4,73,088	59.6	9.9	42.0	20.4	8.5	300		
Dacca	1	Dacca	2,769	234.5	1,53,682	23,933	46,051	12,967	257	3,633	64,860	55.4	8.4	36.7	18.4	6.7	400	Ra. 250 to 300 by annual increment of Ra. 10. Ra. 400	
	2	Mymensingh	6,574	649.5	2,77,197	57,319	66,419	21,009	325	.....	3,633	1,81,474	64.4	7.7	23.2	17.3	3.5	400	
	3	Fardpur	3,294.5	175.75	1,40,777	29,549	16,169	8,404	153	7	.....	60,531	46.0	7.6	25.5	20.0	7.1	400	
	4	Backergunge	2,633	235.31	2,04,381	1,10,060	74,900	20,150	1,016	34	2,038	2,04,032	67.3	6.5	34.3	10.3	3.7	Ra. 400		
Total			14,837.5	1,407.36	8,47,207	2,19,121	2,06,669	63,099	1,760	41	12,106	4,90,577	55.9	7.4	29.9	14.9	5.6			

Chittagong	1	Tipperra	300.75	2,491	2,553,350	44,575	55,553	17,445	1,072	1,26,645	4,500	537	7-3	37-3	16-7	4-6
	2	Nakhal	575	1,645	1,30,981	16,037	13,795	12,795	51	67,616	4,004	50-8	38-3	32-8	23-8	4-6
	3	Chittagong	577.04	2,503	1,75,940	6,557	40,780	19,251	258	67,181	7,200	381	10-9	37-3	40-7	15-2
		Total	1,452.79	6,639	5,57,289	73,640	1,33,073	49,892	1,431	2,67,440	16,694	47-9	9-3	38-7	24-9	8-9
Patna	1	Patna	874	2,046	3,11,453	45,515	1,20,000	29,441	1,094	2,00,322	3,409	64-3	9-1	34-3	17-1	5-9
	2	Gaya	987	4,899	2,62,917	72,989	64,373	33,431	4,070	1,65,375	6,500	69-5	11-8	20-4	23-4	4-4
	3	Bhagalpur	483-5	4,408	3,23,939	34,864	80,106	26,650	534	1,83,479	6,779	67-9	11-9	37-7	21-5	8-4
	4	Baran	1,081	2,610	3,14,618	41,859	60,071	22,911	430	1,61,017	11,017	52-0	10-4	33-4	25-3	8-1
Patna	5	Champaran	1,062-01	3,518	1,70,183	74,017	20,468	11,631	1,894	1,61,856	10,824	73-3	12-7	50-0	31-3	10-5
	6	Muzaffarpur	1,143	2,938	2,62,579	94,763	50,332	30,990	1,037	1,91,656	16,430	76-5	12-2	49-7	20-1	10-9
		Total	3,985	13,902	10,10,935	1,88,137	2,44,576	85,083	44,083	7,11,000	36,643	142-2	49-7	20-1	10-9	
		Baran	1,081	2,610	3,14,618	41,859	60,071	22,911	430	1,61,017	11,017	52-0	10-4	33-4	25-3	8-1
Bhagalpur	7	Darbhanga	1,130	3,331	3,53,619	1,18,138	86,629	24,764	605	2,30,308	3,661	67-6	9-3	28-8	17-0	4-6
		Total	6,293-01	23,565	19,11,146	4,67,101	3,69,853	2,09,217	11,694	13,60,987	74,681	65-9	10-9	35-3	20-3	7-3
	1	Monghyr	1,128	3,623	2,75,573	38,731	1,06,863	24,335	3,163	1,75,115	7,737	63-3	8-8	31-9	16-4	6-3
	2	Bhagalpur	4,218	4,218	2,04,688	15,069	83,387	25,347	561	1,40,316	6,660	73-9	13-3	33-9	29-6	6-9
Bhagalpur	3	Purnea	1,588	1,588	1,57,386	11,397	24,239	6,589	2,118	1,33,453	7,370	69-5	11-9	30-3	21-6	7-6
	4	Maida	315-75	1,588	78,653	11,397	24,239	6,589	2,118	43,854	3,920	54-9	5-3	42-0	19-4	8-1
		Total	4,392-37	14,908	7,45,388	56,364	3,24,698	73,892	4,535	4,95,687	37,117	66-4	10-5	51-4	19-3	6-6
		Baran	1,081	2,610	3,14,618	41,859	60,071	22,911	430	1,61,017	11,017	52-0	10-4	33-4	25-3	8-1
Orissa	1	Cuttack	400	3,619	1,52,953	24,772	48,046	11,000	247	96,354	6,397	61-2	7-4	54-8	14-0	7-7
	2	Balasore	321	2,063	77,373	7,373	6,824	6,541	1,259	29,049	37-6	8-9	43-9	28-5	14-3	
	3	Puri	155-5	2,476	54,586	3,498	10,367	6,541	63	31,453	3,331	35-5	11-1	49-3	45-3	21-8
		Total	906-5	8,157	2,84,912	35,643	65,237	23,882	1,269	1,46,837	12,628	107-1	6-5	50-4	21-0	10-6
Orissa		GRAND TOTAL	23,946-14	1,10,033-5	69,56,056	1,24,120	33,12,544	6,53,000	11,650	48,91,733	2,34,129	61-4	9-3	38-4	16-3	6-6

APPENDIX D.

Statement showing the number and length of District and Village roads under each District Board in Bengal, the amount on their maintenance, and the cost per mile during the year 1899-1900.

DISTRICT.	DISTRICT ROADS.													VILLAGE ROADS.					
	METALLED.							UNMETALLED.							COST.				
	Number of roads.	Total length.	Cost.				Number of roads.	Total length.	Cost.										
			Original works.	Repairs.	Total.	Per mile of each road.			Original works.	Repairs.	Total.	Per mile of each road.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
BURDWAN DIVISION.																			
Burdwan	20	172	447	70,000	77,140	448	25	240	2,572	13,788	16,360	65	214	370	379	6,012	6,391		
Birbhum	15	126	52	24,000	24,061	108	31	242	1,684	12,135	14,019	57	7	9	160	1,121	1,281		
Bankura	17	220	678	16,700	17,378	70	35	294	7,000	6,873	13,971	47	9	104	...	2,832	2,832		
Medinipur	20	414	21,800	86,283	1,07,182	538	26	273	2,308	10,003	12,311	47	136	507	...	13,500	13,500		
Hoochly	18	76	1,634	24,020	25,654	460	46	421	3,003	17,438	20,441	48	280	771	...	4,800	4,800		
Howrah	7	21	20,502	18,070	38,572	1,633	10	61	10,245	6,410	16,655	273	108	214	...	6,554	6,554		
Divisional Total	97	1,085	46,012	2,51,534	2,96,546	286	173	1,540	27,231	67,336	94,587	61	744	1,875	539	34,994	35,633		
PRESTIDENCY DIVISION.																			
24-Parganas	24	155'46	13,607	60,304	73,911	481'6	52	307'9	8,601	14,058	22,740	73'9	Not given in schedule.	904	54	13,073	18,702		
Nadia	20	108'5	969	26,535	27,504	253'75	73	641	3,216	12,639	15,854	24'7	Ditto ...	536	314	3,570	3,883		
Murshidabad	3	2'6	102	10,560	10,662	444'25	46	519'5	8,051	22,085	30,116	57'47	74	300	249	5,400	5,639		
Jessore	20	130	7,000	47,617	54,617	408'3	43	397	6,147	24,379	31,126	78'65	Not given in schedule.	518	1,302	6,139	7,441		
Khuina	6	9	...	695	695	77'2	50	479	11,737	18,947	30,684	64	Ditto ...	805	...	11,855	11,855		
Divisional Total	72	430'06	22,008	1,46,711	1,68,819	390'57	263	2,344'4	33,442	62,087	1,30,529	55'6	...	3,141	1,592	40,141	42,070		
RAJSHAH DIVISION.																			
Rajshahi	8	24	7,554	12,557	19,911	820'6	40	515'5	8,500	26,087	35,187	68'5	240	491	519	6,812	6,811		
Dinajpur	5	2'5	201	241	442	212'3	67	1,023'5	3,277	24,202	27,479	80'9	14	72	373	1,907	1,900		
Jalpaiguri	6	28	100	5,856	6,046	215'03	63	605	32,703	56,872	89,575	128'97	6	22	...	401	461		
Bagga	9	14	2,748	6,730	10,478	748	62	986	43,550	6,012	49,562	50	127	473	2,440	4,300	6,740		
Korai	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	337	11,707	17,003	28,729	88'2	13	22	320	343	1,372
Palna	6	5'35	...	1,734	1,734	330	88	687'5	13,508	17,687	31,195	45'37	68	173	891	1,468	2,459		
Divisional Total	27	73'75	11,583	27,118	38,701	524'76	344	4,282'5	1,18,608	1,40,512	2,58,190	62'63	474	1,192	5,391	13,000	18,201		
DACCA DIVISION.																			
Dacca	2	8'57	...	4,338	4,338	500	20	276'03	1,231	27,972	29,203	100	164	137'03	1,234	9,608	10,842		
Mymensingh	8	34	10,081	10,024	20,105	836	40	623'5	10,158	30,530	40,687	79	340	1,014	8,087	12,360	21,067		
Fairpur	8	10	130	103	231	33	19	103'75	12,712	8,714	21,426	131	104	140'10	4,211	4,071	8,282		
Backergunge	13	14'08	...	2,578	2,578	173	45	270'63	61,910	30,902	92,812	343	303	342	14,564	21,260	35,824		
Divisional Total	31	67'05	10,220	17,132	29,352	638	143	1,331'81	86,011	1,07,187	1,63,128	144	881	2,336'00	24,696	48,189	76,880		
CHITTAGONG DIVISION.																			
Tripura	6	9'75	3,816	3,808	7,624	785'02	44	291	18,670	28,406	44,385	182'5	119	900'5	5,281	13,621	18,902		
Naokhali	21	8	1,667	4,885	6,552	819	60	364	6,878	19,225	26,103	71'7	78	192	2,102	6,801	8,903		
Chittagong	3	2'5	20	174	194	81'6	69	574'54	6,123	31,468	37,591	65'4	65	180	...	9,000	9,000		
Divisional Total	32	20'25	5,518	8,897	14,410	711'5	173	1,229'54	31,680	70,483	1,08,063	87'8	262	881'5	7,413	29,482	38,485		
PATNA DIVISION.																			
Patna	27	60	7,336	67,567	74,903	759'6	54	475	20,036	30,115	50,761	119'4	274	591	...	15,381	15,381		
Gaya	22	20'6	17,800	65,459	83,259	355	56	721	27,220	18,000	45,880	63'0	150	574	4,742	5,701	10,443		
Shahabad	24	180'5	5,907	65,204	71,211	334'5	10	253	3,301	11,588	14,970	50	127	88'2	...	10,504	10,504		
Siwan	30	425	18,457	45,361	63,818	150'1	42	366	12,848	22,759	35,607	50'7	632	1,632	6,530	10,384	21,514		
Chhapra	13	15'58	4,470	3,612	8,082	463'78	87	1,040'13	60,140	25,827	85,967	87'92	53	314	38	967	967		
Muzaffarpur	17	358	31,187	27,683	58,870	166'5	74	793	42,380	22,551	64,931	81'9	107	519'25	278	5,381	6,125		
Darbhanga	10	23	...	0,000	0,000	434'47	131	1,107	1,15,120	40,238	1,61,358	145'7	309	866	2,510	25,646	28,156		
Divisional Total	143	1,532'39	85,123	2,73,669	3,58,792	275'40	405	4,391'13	2,02,700	1,77,788	4,71,447	94'46	1,650	5,382'35	14,104	70,434	93,538		
BHAGALPUR DIVISION.																			
Monghyr	37	84	1,077	27,063	28,140	342'1	171	1,058	19,588	66,511	86,099	81'3	83	295	...	3,200	3,200		
Bhagalpur	8	61'0	412	33,212	33,704	644'5	190	1,031'75	12,508	69,140	81,648	40'4	10	30'5	...	482	482		
Purnea	9	137	1,967	33,764	35,731	305'4	70	1,065	13,702	39,347	53,049	47'0	130	890	618	9,727	10,619		
Malda	5	8'1	4,022	1,146	5,168	638	49	300'62	3,118	15,440	18,558	60'5	45	235'87	...	3,616	3,616		
Divisional Total	60	271	7,568	95,785	1,03,343	381'3	408	4,081'37	40,000	1,28,347	1,68,347	58'1	277	1,458'37	618	15,615	19,740		
ORISSA DIVISION.																			
Cuttack	8	27	908	7,033	7,941	300'85	28	433	18,621	22,403	40,044	94'65	219	440	6,406	9,700	16,113		
Balsore	19	46	2,613	3,439	6,052	131'69	29	275	2,845	6,054	8,899	32	108	183	1,134	1,454	2,588		
Puri	13	78'3	117	7,40	7,517	91'92	6	77'2	2,542	2,797	5,339	69'16	25	80'5	707	550	1,257		
Divisional Total	40	151'3	6,798	18,423	22,151	146'40	63	785'2	23,968	31,204	55,209	70'3	352	650'5	8,893	11,710	20,740		
GRAND TOTAL	501	3,332'11	2,00,345	8,38,799	10,39,614	300'83	2,126	20,593'05	6,08,576	8,80,094	15,58,630	73'68	4,000	16,508'71	67,729	2,78,026	3,40,794		

RESOLUTION ON THE BOARD'S REPORT ON WARDS' AND ATTACHED
ESTATES IN THE LOWER PROVINCES FOR THE
YEAR 1899-1900.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT—LAND REVENUE.

Calcutta, the 27th November 1900.

RESOLUTION—No. 3571LR.

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Report of the Board of Revenue on Wards' and Attached Estates in the Lower
Provinces for the year 1899-1900.

THE total number of estates of all descriptions under the management of the Board during the year 1899-1900 was 136 as compared with 135 in the preceding year, there being an increase of one in the number of Wards' estates. This total number was made up of 68 Wards' estates—57 estates managed under the Chota Nagpur Encumbered Estates Act, seven Trust and four Attached estates. Ten Wards' estates and eight Attached and Encumbered estates were under management for a portion of the year only.

2. *Revenue and cesses due to Government.*—The arrear demand from the estates under the management of the Board of Rs. 68,622, with the current demand of Rs. 55,24,103, made up a total of Rs. 55,92,725. Of this, Rs. 55,37,191 were paid and Rs. 55,468 remained outstanding, the balance of Rs. 66 being remitted. Arrears, amounting to Rs. 18,851, were due from the Patkum Estate in the district of Manbhum, the lessees of which—the Patkum Indigo and Trading Company—have persistently withheld payment of rent for several years past. The *ijara* lease will be brought to sale in execution of a decree obtained against the Company (which has lately gone into liquidation) for the arrears of rent due from the year 1305 (B.S.), and it is hoped that this result will put an end to the difficulties into which the default of the Company has for years past plunged the affairs of this estate. In the Barrabhum Estate Mr. Mathewson holds the greater portion under *patni* and *ijara* leases. Cesses are due from him, amounting to Rs. 10,247, but he represented his inability to realise the cesses payable to him by the *ghatwals* owing to their tenures not being saleable in execution of decrees for arrears; and the proceedings instituted for the sale of his *ijara* mahal under the certificate procedure have been temporarily stopped. The remaining principal defaulters, viz, Mohula, Sridharpur, Nawada, Mobarak Hossain, Chandra-gurh, and Hardi, paid their arrear dues after the close of the year.

3. *Rent and cesses due to superior landlords.*—The current demand of rent and cesses due to superior landlords amounted to Rs. 3,48,624, which, with the arrear demand of Rs. 54,484, made a total of Rs. 4,03,108 for payment. Of this, Rs. 3,36,748 were paid and Rs. 2,690 remitted, leaving a balance of Rs. 63,670. The payments amounted to 96·5 per cent. of the current and 83·5 per cent. of the gross demand as against 117·6 and 82·3 per cent., respectively, in the preceding year. More than two-thirds of the balance were due from six estates, viz., the Sridharpur Estate in Jessore (Rs. 50,619), the estate of Mrs. H. A. Lucas in Backergunge (Rs. 18,864), the Burdwan Raj (Rs. 8,950), the estate of Magun Das Rai in Chittagong (Rs. 8,382), the Satkhira Estate in Khulna (Rs. 7,011), and the Kathamdiri Estate in Hazaribagh (Rs. 6,198). The balances due from the Sridharpur and Kathamdiri Estates could not be paid for want of funds. The balance in the estate of Mrs. H. A. Lucas, which was taken in charge on the 5th August 1899, was the result of the previous bad management of the estate. The balance in the Burdwan Raj is explained to be due, among other reasons, to ignorance of the names and addresses of the collecting *panchaytes*; but, as pointed out last year, this information should have been obtained by a reference to the District Magistrate, and the repetition of this failure should not occur. In the estate of Magun Das Rai the balance has been found to be covered by excess payments in previous years on account of *noabad* tenures.

4. *Collection of rents and cesses.*—The progress made during the last five years in the collection of rent and cesses due to estates under the charge of the Board is shewn below:—

YEAR.	DEMAND.			COLLECTIONS.			PERCENTAGE OF—		Remissions.	Balances.
	Arrear.	Current.	Total.	Arrear.	Current.	Total.	Current collections on current demand.	Total collections on total demand.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			Rs.	Rs.
1896-96 ...	61,86,879	93,44,103	1,55,03,982	29,16,194	59,93,431	89,09,625	64.1	57.4	5,90,112	60,04,245
1896-97 ...	68,16,983	95,95,063	1,64,14,046	32,32,121	59,47,656	91,69,777	61.9	55.8	4,18,543	68,26,540
1897-98 ...	76,63,026	1,19,52,216	1,96,22,242	41,10,084	78,83,778	1,20,04,862	65.9	61.1	3,37,816	72,79,564
1898-99 ...	77,43,115	1,20,33,421	1,97,36,536	36,30,827	70,21,490	1,16,52,317	65.8	58.4	11,68,448	70,65,771
1899-1900 ...	74,94,289	1,21,14,363	1,96,08,652*	37,73,707	77,16,833	1,14,89,536*	63.6	58.5	3,80,911*	77,08,169*

* NOTE.—The difference of Rs. 23,023 is due to the fact that in the Hatwa Estate the actual balance of the farming rent due from *thikadars* (i.e., the gross rent of the villages less the commission payable to *thikadars*) has been shown, and in the Jogesraha Estate Rs. 15-15-3 was realised as rent from two raiyats by purchase of their holdings in execution of decrees.

This is a result which the Lieutenant-Governor has received with some disappointment, for though there were heavy losses from drought in the Chota Nagpur Division, and from floods and hail in Bhagalpur and Bihar; still the harvests of the province, on the whole, were fine, and from the famine in Western and Central India the prices of produce were more remunerative than usual to agriculturists. The Lieutenant-Governor, therefore, caused the district details to be examined with some care. The percentage of the gross collections of the year on the current rental demand (the best test in his judgment of estate work) in the several Divisions was as follows:—

Division.	Per cent.	Division.	Per cent.
Burdwan ...	99	Patna ...	89
Presidency ...	110	Bhagalpur ...	90
Rajshahi ...	107	Orissa ...	98
Dacca ...	109	Chota Nagpur ...	90
Chittagong ...	102		

The shortness of the collections was confined, therefore, to the three Divisions of Patna, Bhagalpur, and Chota Nagpur.

When the enquiry is pursued further, it appears that even in these Divisions, the results in the different districts varied materially. The percentages were as follows:—

Patna Division—		Per cent.	
Patna District	112
Gaya "	104
Shahabad "	91
Saran "	64
Champaran "	97
Muzaffarpur "	101
Darbhanga "	89
Bhagalpur Division—			
Bhagalpur District	79
Purnea "	96
Sonthal Parganas "	102
Chota Nagpur Division—			
Hazaribagh District	86
Ranchi "	86
Palamau "	83
Manbhum "	92
Singhbhum "	103

The districts, therefore, to which we look for explanation, are—

Shahabad ...	} in the Patna Division.
Saran ...	
Darbhanga ...	
Bhagalpur ...	} in the Bhagalpur Division.
Ranchi ...	
Palamau ...	} in the Chota Nagpur Division.
Manbhum ...	

When the estate details are in their turn examined in these several districts, the same differences are traced.

In the Shahabad district there are three estates under the Court of Wards with a gross rental of Rs. 81,274. On the smallest of these, Mahula, the collections were only 57 per cent. of the rental of Rs. 10,312; on the others, the percentage was 89 and 126. The Board quote the Collector's apology for Mahula. He presents no excuse. He admits the unsatisfactory result, and says he has put the estate under the Subdivisional Officer. The Lieutenant-Governor wishes he could admit this as sufficient. In the five years this estate has been under management, little more than half the rental has been collected; it is clear that the management has been most negligent and the supervision equally defective; and if the measure the Collector has now taken was a necessary and proper one, as it doubtless was, there is nothing to show why it was not taken years ago.

In the Saran district, all other estates in the Court of Wards are over-shadowed by the Hatwa Estate. In that great property, the collections came to only 63 per cent. of the rental. The Board have discussed at length the reasons of the shortcoming. They consider it to be partly due to a failure of the *bhadoi* crop. The failure was not so severe as to prevent the Court of Wards from collecting over 100 per cent. on the rental in two other estates in the same district. They consider that the orders of the Officiating Manager in September, practically suspending the collection of rents, and the approval of the Officiating Collector, were very indiscreet. The result amply confirms the opinion of the Board. In a season which, on the whole, was not unfavourable, one-third of the rents was not collected. The experience of other estates in the same district shows how unnecessary so exceptional a measure of leniency was, and the failure is the more serious because rents that are over largely in arrears are practically irrecoverable. The explanations, which the Board reproduce, disclose further ground for disquiet. The Manager reports that he returned from leave on the 23rd October. The state of the collections was put before him on the 16th November, and he at once withdrew the orders of his *locum tenens*. The Lieutenant-Governor cannot understand how it was possible for any Manager to be three weeks on duty without seeing the state of collections in his charge, or how he could be in ignorance for so long an interval of the momentous orders passed in his absence. Sir John Woodburn commented last year on the altogether inadequate information Commissioners received of the progress of collections in the Wards' Estates in their jurisdiction. He trusts it is not possible that, under the standing orders of the Court, Managers themselves have not constant and punctual knowledge of their subordinates work in the most important of all their duties.

In Bhagalpur, the deficit was in the Lachmipur Estate (percentage of collections 75), but the explanation is sufficient. The estate was restored to the proprietor during the year before collections were complete. Elsewhere in the district collections were excellent.

Lastly, the Lieutenant-Governor comes to the Chota Nagpur Division, in which bad harvests, leading in parts to actual famine, would ordinarily be an all-sufficient excuse. But an examination of details again led him to questions, which the Board's report does not answer. In the Hazaribagh district, there are the following anomalies:—

Estate.			Current rental. Rs.	Collection. Per cent.
Dhanwar	...	...	60,034	94
Parasawan	...	...	2,984	89
Barsote	...	...	14,869	103
Satgaon	...	...	10,683	58
Kathamdiri	...	...	18,525	12

Again, in the Ranchi District there are—

Estate.				
Jeria	...	...	33,774	89
Biru	...	...	18,739	90
Burway	...	...	14,405	81
Basia	...	...	9,598	74

In Manbhum there are —

Estate.	Current rental.		Collections.	
	Rs.		Per cent.	
Barrabhum
Tundi	28,038	121
Hensla	18,715	107
Pandra	3,293	66
Bharamahal	40,804	70
	4,733	60

The explanations of the District Officers have now been received.

Dhanwar, Parasawan, and Barsote are in the Giridhi tract of Hazaribagh, which was not affected by scarcity; Satgaon was restored to the proprietor before the completion of collections; Kathamdiri was leased before its assumption by the Court to men of straw, whom the Deputy Commissioner has taken measures to eject.

In Ranchi and Manbhum, the collections varied, and properly varied, according to the degree in which drought affected the crops. In Pandra, there were *patni* disputes which have yet to be settled. In Bharamahal, the actual management began in the middle of the year.

This examination has satisfied the Lieutenant-Governor. With the exception of the Hatwa and Mahula Estates, the work of the Court of Wards has been, in his opinion, most creditable to the management. But the exceptions illustrate the necessity on which he has laid repeated stress of close and constant supervision of the rent collections by the Manager and his superiors. So long as there is no suspicion that the rents are too high, or that the harvest has been materially damaged, it is the duty of the Manager in his trust for the owner of the estate to see that reasonable rents are punctually paid. It is, as the Lieutenant-Governor has said before, his duty in the interests of the tenants themselves. Weakness of collections at a time they can pay ends in embarrassments to them later on.

During the year under report the work of classifying the arrear balances and obtaining remission of those which were fictitious or hopelessly irrecoverable was not carried on generally with as much vigour as in the previous year. The total remissions amounted to Rs. 3,80,911 as against Rs. 11,68,448 in 1898-99. The Lieutenant-Governor has again to impress upon all Collectors and Managers the deep importance of regular systematic scrutiny of the arrears lists in the estates in their charge. There are items in all estates that are irrecoverable; amongst them, arrears which have resulted from bad harvests or losses of cattle, and which the tenant cannot pay without breaking. It is the duty of the management to see that claims in such cases are not pressed. On the other hand, pleas of this kind demand careful enquiry; the enquiry ought to be made, while verification is still easy; and every enquiry of the sort will give the Manager invaluable information as to the character and method of his subordinates' work. The Lieutenant-Governor, therefore, again asks that all Collectors will hold in view that an annual enquiry into the arrears list on each estate is just as essential a duty of the Manager as the collection of the current rents. In the Lachmipur Estate in Bhagalpur, with a current demand of Rs. 2,24,979, the balances amounted to Rs. 2,59,421, most of which are reported to be fictitious or irrecoverable. The change in management, perhaps, hampered adjustments. There are heavy arrears which need scrutiny in Lugma and Khagra; and in Maldwar and Narhan, it would appear that there is plenty of room for the removal of irrecoverable arrears. In the Burdwan Estate the unrealised balance due from the khas villages at the close of the year amounted to Rs. 8,57,558, including Rs. 53,804 barred by limitation. The corresponding figures last year were Rs. 8,49,593 and Rs. 25,935. The increase in the balance is stated to be due to increase in the demand, and to bad collections in the Sujamutha portion of the estate in Midnapore owing to defective drainage. This balance should be reduced, but the Lieutenant-Governor approves the action of the Board in refraining from compelling the reduction.

At the close of the year a total amount of Rs. 77,06,188 in all was due to the estates under management as compared with Rs. 70,65,771 in the previous year, the increase being due to the falling off in the amount remitted and to the enormous increase in the balances of the Hatwa Estate.

5. *Debts due by estates.*—The estates which were under the Board's management for the entire year were indebted to a total amount at the commencement of the year of Rs. 1,24,01,758, while additional liabilities to the extent of Rs. 10,78,151 were ascertained to be due or were newly incurred during the year, making a total of Rs. 1,34,79,912. After deduction of the payments made, amounting to Rs. 12,59,599, and allowing for reduction of Rs. 16,789 by compromise, and the cancellation of Rs. 4,00,360 found to be fictitious, a balance of Rs. 1,18,03,164 remained outstanding at the close of the year, which was Rs. 2,96,472 less than the amount due at the close of 1898-99. The debts due by the Bettiah Estate amounted to Rs. 75,59,307 as against Rs. 80,99,433 at the close of the previous year. The major portion of the former sum represents the sterling debenture loan repayable by half yearly instalments.

The most notable failures to reduce debts occurred in Pandra (first and third kismuts), Nawada, Patkum, Biru, Khujwa, Mobarak Hossain, Kera (L. N. S.) and Kathamdiri; and in Bettiah, Pachete, Lachmipur, Sheohar, Katras, Satkhira, Karharbari, Dharguli, and Barrabhum. The recovery of rent from tenure-holders is specially difficult in the Chota Nagpur Division, and this fact, coupled with the scarcity, explains the presence of so many of the estates of that Division in these lists. The Nawada estate seems to be in great difficulties, and requires the careful attention of the Collector. The two estates in Saran of Khujwa and Mobarak Hossain are, it is known, difficult to manage satisfactorily.

6. *Management charges and rates.*—During the year under report the management charges rose in every Division, except Dacca and the Presidency, but satisfactory reasons for the increase are given by the Board in most cases. The cost of management in the estates under the charge of the Board, as a whole, excluding the cost of construction and repairs of office buildings, amounted to 7·3 per cent. of the total current demand for rent and cesses, as compared with 7 per cent. in 1898-99 and 6·9 in 1897-98. The increase of the already high management charges in Rahamatpur, Narhan, and Mohula, coincident with an apparent decrease in efficiency, is very far from satisfactory.

The accounts of the general rate for the year were as follows:—

Estimated expenditure	Rs.	Estimated income—	Rs.	Actual income—	Rs.	Expenditure	Rs.
...	1,50,400	Current demand	1,46,506	Current demand	1,43,506	...	1,52,335
		Surplus of 1898-99	6,877	Arrear demand	128,261		
		Total	1,52,883	Total	1,74,767		
		Surplus after deducting actual expenditure	548	Collections	1,69,689		
				Balance	5,078		

The greater portion of the balance has been recovered since the close of the year.

The accounts of the audit rate were as follows:—

Estimated expenditure	Rs.	Estimated income—	Rs.	Actual income—	Rs.	Expenditure	Rs.
...	22,400	Real demand	18,385	Current demand	18,385	...	19,770
		Surplus of 1898-1899	5,292	Arrear demand	9,480		
		Total	23,677	Total	27,865		
		Surplus after deducting actual expenditure	8,907	Collections	20,387		
				Balance	7,478		

The arrears due from the estates are reported to be not recoverable until the amount due is notified by the Accountant-General.

7. During the year these estates expended Rs. 74,696 on subscriptions and donations to schools, Rs. 68,251 on subscriptions and donations to dispensaries, Rs. 4,54,624 on the maintenance of existings buildings, &c., and Rs. 2,99,023 on improvements.

The standard of expenditure for solvent estates proposed for schools is 1 per cent., and for works of improvement 3 per cent., but for the province as a whole, the results fell short of these requirements. The most striking failures

occurred in the Burdwan Raj, Syudpur, and the estates of Rajkrishna Banerjee, Magun Das Rai, and Fazl Ali Khan. Regarding the first-named estate, the Lieutenant-Governor is scarcely prepared to agree that the Raj has no obligations towards the raiyats of the *padmi mahals*, because its income from them is fixed. This fact merely shares those obligations with the *patnidars*; and it is desirable that so patent a principle will no longer be disregarded in the otherwise excellent management of this great estate.

8. *Certificates*.—The total number of certificates filed was 8,935 as against 7,246 in 1898-99, the number having increased in all Divisions, except the Presidency, Dacca, and Chittagong. The greatest increase was in the Patna Division, largely owing to the completion of survey and settlement proceedings. The number of cases disposed of was greater than in the previous year (8,972 as compared with 6,530). Out of the total demand covered by the certificates filed, 41·7 per cent. was realised as compared with 37·5 during the previous year. The realisations were particularly poor in Narhan and Rorhung, and, in the case of the latter, an explanation is awaited. An increase in the number of certificates is from some points of view unsatisfactory; and they should not be filed unless there is a reasonable prospect of recovering the rent. In the remaining cases, where solvent tenants persist in refusing to pay, there is no excuse for failure to rigorously enforce them. On the whole, the Lieutenant-Governor is not satisfied with the results of the year, and trusts that there will be further improvement.

9. *Civil Suits*.—The number of civil suits filed increased from 3,553 in 1898-99 to 4,054 in 1899-1900, and the demand covered by them also increased from Rs. 4,95,768 to Rs. 5,20,731. For some years past Government has been enjoining the necessity for greater energy in the execution of decrees; but although the Board have drawn the special attention of the Commissioners to the matter, the Lieutenant-Governor regrets to find that out of Rs. 4,82,613 decreed, a sum of only Rs. 1,15,243, or 23·8 per cent., was recovered.

The opinion of the Board is as follows:—

“The Board fear that the difficulties of realisation by the agency of the Civil Court tends to increase, rather than to diminish, year by year. The experience of the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs appears to point in the same direction. The remedy for this state of affairs appears to them to be the extended use of the provisions of Chapter X of the Bengal Tenancy Act to all estates which can afford the cost, so as to give them the benefit of the certificate procedure.”

The failure to realise decrees is too general to be ascribed to the deficiencies of individual managers; and the remedy suggested by the Board appears to provide a practical way out of the present difficulty; but, at the same time, the Lieutenant-Governor trusts that the efforts of managers in the matter will not be relaxed.

10. *Condition of the tenantry*.—Owing to the generally good harvests of the past two years, the condition of the tenantry in estates under the Court of Wards, as in the rest of the Province, was, with a few exceptions, satisfactory; and the relations between the managing agency and the tenants were generally smooth. In the Bhagalpur District, the crops of the Lugma Estate were damaged by excessive rainfall, which washed away the paddy and also caused great losses among the cattle from disease; and the tenants in parts of Lachmipur were badly off in consequence of a disastrous flood-wave, which, it is estimated, carried away about 200 men and 600 head of cattle. Relief was given to the tenants by Government and zamindars. In Ranchi and Palamau, as well as in parts of Hazaribagh and in the Government Kolhan in Singhbhum, the condition of the tenants was considerably affected during the second half of the year, in consequence of the failure of the winter paddy for want of sufficient rain. In the two first-mentioned districts, as well as in the Government Kolhan, works of improvement have been set on foot on a considerable scale from funds allotted by the Board for the purpose; and a substantial means of relief has thus been afforded to a large number of raiyats.

11. *Estates with a rent-roll of Rs. 50,000 and upwards*.—Since 1887-88, a separate account is given in Part II of the Board's report of the affairs of each estate with a rent-roll of half-a-lakh or upwards. As a good deal of detail is given regarding such estates in Part I of the report, while the figures are contained in Appendix I, the Board consider a separate account in Part II

to be superfluous, and suggest its omission in future. Orders on this proposal will issue separately.

The Burdwan Raj Estate continues to be successfully managed by Raja Ban Behari Kapur. It obtained a net rental of Rs. 9,784 by the settlement of the *samindari panchaki ghâts* in Bankura, and a rent of Rs. 45,675 was added by the settlement, with the *patnidars* and others, of *chautidari chakran* lands in 713 out of the 1,792 villages transferred to the Raj up to the close of the year under report. There was a net increase of Rs. 48,502 in the rent-roll of the estate on account of settlements, resettlements, &c. As compared with the previous year, both receipts and disbursements, as also the closing cash balance, show an increase. The litigation on behalf of the estate was on the whole successful, but only about half the amount covered by civil and certificate decrees in favour of the estate was realised or remitted.

At the close of the year, the Bettiah Estate was indebted to the extent of Rs. 75,59,307, a reduction of near $4\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs having been effected in the year. The greater part of this consisted of the sterling debenture loan repayable by half-yearly instalments. The estate was a creditor for Rs. 19,70,357, due chiefly from the late Babu Fattah Bahadur Singh of Bhopatpur, arrangements for realising which are in progress. The expenditure on survey and settlement was Rs. 1,16,884.

In the Hatwa Estate, it has been decided to continue the existing mixed system of managing partly *khas* and partly *thika*. The closing balance to the credit of the estate amounted to Rs. 5,22,295, and Rs. 7,00,210 were invested in Government securities, of which and municipal debentures, the estate now holds Rs. 43,99,901. The cost of management (Rs. 94,334), excluding the commissions paid on collections in villages which are in lease, was 8·6 per cent. on the current demand, as compared with 7·2 per cent. in 1898-99. The expenditure on works of improvement, including the Sripur experimental farm, was Rs. 23,376. The cost of survey and settlement was Rs. 1,24,984.

In the Tikari Estate, 10·4 per cent. on the current demand was realised, in comparison with 9·8 per cent. in 1898-99. The closing balance of income over expenditure was Rs. 2,02,452, and the value of Government securities possessed by the estate was Rs. 18,324. The outlay on works of improvement was Rs. 60,166. The management charges were 14·7 per cent. on the current demand, as compared with 15·8 per cent. in the previous year.

In the Khagra Estate, the cost of management was 8·7 per cent. on the current demand. The expenditure on works of improvement decreased from Rs. 10,845 in 1898-99 to Rs. 7,030 in the year under report. At the close of the year, the Estate had Government securities to the value of Rs. 21,065 and a cash balance of Rs. 90,208. In the Pachete Estate, at the close of the year, the debts amounted to Rs. 7,72,216, and there was a cash balance of Rs. 8,039.

12. The most important of the eight estates which came under the control of the Court of Wards during the year was Churaman in Dinajpur, charge of which was assumed on 20th November 1899, the proprietor, Bhupal Chandra Rai Chaudhuri, aged about ten months, being declared a minor under section 6 (b) of Act IX B.C. of 1879. The greater portion of the estate lies in Dinajpur, about one-fifth in Malda, and only a very small portion in Purnea. The gross demand of rent and cesses due to the estate amounts to Rs. 1,29,740, and the sum payable annually to Government and superior landlords is Rs. 66,821. The debts due to the estate aggregate Rs. 76,313. The arrears of rent due to the estate amount to more than two lakhs of rupees.

Of the eleven estates released during the year, three, viz., Sridharpur in Jessore, Dhalbhum in Singhbhum, and Paigumbarpur in Darbhanga, were important. The Sridharpur Estate was released on 26th December 1899 on the application of the proprietors, after having been under the management of the Court for a period of nearly three years, during which period little progress could be made in clearing the estate of its heavy load of debt. The Dhalbhum Estate was taken in charge on 10th November 1886, and released on the 27th May 1899. The rent-roll of the estate, which was Rs. 53,052 at the date of assumption of charge, stood at Rs. 66,660 at the date of release. All debts were cleared off, and a cash balance exceeding half a lakh was handed over to the proprietor. The Paigumbarpur Estate was brought under the Court's management on the 16th May 1892. Its rental stood at Rs. 60,486 on that date, but on the date of release it was Rs. 56,266, the decrease being mainly

due to abatement of disputed rents. The total rent and cess demand due to the estate for the period it was under the Court's management, including the arrears at the date of assumption of charge, was Rs. 6,49,721; of this sum Rs. 3,16,480 was collected, and Rs. 2,43,237 remitted, leaving a balance of Rs. 90,004. The poor results obtained during the management of this estate are attributed to confusion in the mufassal papers, and the incompetency of the successive Managers of the Estate. The total liabilities of the estate amounted to Rs. 3,11,142. Of this Rs. 2,38,145 were paid and Rs. 521 reduced by compromise, leaving Rs. 72,476 outstanding when the estate was released. There was a cash balance of Rs. 21,363.

13. *Encumbered Estates in Chola Nagpur.*—During the year 57 estates were managed under Act VI of 1876 as compared with 59 during 1898-99. The collections of rent and cesses due to them are shown below :—

DISTRICT.	Arrear demand.	Current demand.	Collections.	Percentage of collections on current demand.	Remissions.	Balances.	Advance collections on account of the ensuing year.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Hazaribagh	Rs. 51,034	Rs. 1,35,746	Rs. 1,18,722	87.4	Rs. 7,436	Rs. 60,043	Rs. 31,768
Ranchi	85,439	93,742	91,754	95.3	5,533	93,896	384
Palamu	10,492	24,207	20,277	83.8	...	14,468	...
Manbhum	4,06,086	4,28,283	3,93,140	91.7	68,217	4,62,961	...
Singbhum	98,888	21,480	22,278	103.7	6,004	91,998	...
1899-1900	7,41,859	7,08,537	6,36,171	90.1	87,279	7,23,946	32,137
1898-99	7,10,001	7,76,809	7,05,050	90.8	61,908	7,18,883	30,873
Total for 1897-98	8,76,980	8,94,680	6,46,012	93.0	97,258	8,97,460	32,005
1896-97	4,04,403	6,42,342	5,72,554	89.8	53,928	4,61,160	26,361
1895-96	3,96,785	5,09,313	4,85,420	95.9	36,021	4,74,657	32,002

The scarcity in the second half of the year adversely affected collections.

The progress made in the repayment of the debts due by the estates is shown in the following statement :—

DISTRICT.	Due at the commencement of the year.	Ascertained and incurred during the year.	Total.	Payments.	Reductions by compromise.	Balance due at the close of the year.	Total annual amount provided in the scheme for payment of debts, as shown in the Commissioner's annual report.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Hazaribagh	Rs. 6,03,908	Rs. 24,617	Rs. 6,28,525	Rs. 1,60,069	Rs. 916	Rs. 4,38,216	Rs. 1,30,967
Ranchi	3,57,488	24,160	3,81,648	11,815	1,484	3,72,543	1,44,607
Palamu	1,22,164	4,108	1,26,272	13,740	...	1,12,532	34,154
Manbhum	15,33,494	3,59,411	18,92,905	1,60,048	190	17,32,667	1,50,472
Singbhum	1,40,380	5,740	1,46,120	22,681	87	1,23,403	6,264
1899-1900	27,56,878	4,22,226	31,79,104	3,97,093	2,071	27,79,240	4,64,296
1898-99	25,27,374	5,52,232	30,79,606	3,16,091	6,687	27,56,876	3,40,378
Total for 1897-98	31,46,902	7,05,357	38,52,259	2,18,263	1,04,203	36,28,034	3,12,550
1896-97	21,96,180	2,04,688	24,00,868	1,57,060	6,320	22,38,388	2,30,262
1895-96	12,90,139	11,41,047	24,31,186	1,57,313	24,900	22,39,923	1,63,187

Good progress was made in Hazaribagh. In the other districts drought lessened rent collections and the balances available for the payment of debt. The condition of affairs in the district of Manbhum demands the special attention of the Deputy Commissioner.

14. The Lieutenant-Governor thanks the Board for the very careful supervision they have given to the management of the estates under their charge during the year. In some directions, he thinks, there is room for improvement, notably in the methodical examination of rental arrears; but, on the whole, the work of the Collectors and Managers has been excellent. The names of the officers specially commended by the Board in paragraph 29 of their report will be communicated to the Appointment Department of this Government.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

F. A. SLACKE,

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

RESOLUTION ON THE ADMINISTRATION REPORT OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF CALCUTTA
FOR THE YEAR 1899-1900.

No. 2255 Marine.

Government of Bengal.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Dated Calcutta, the 23rd November 1900.

RESOLUTION.

READ—

The Administration Report of the Commissioners of the Port of Calcutta for the year 1899-1900.

The total amount of the loans which have been raised by the Port Commissioners from time to time, including the Finance. consolidated loan from the Government of Rs. 60,25,100 and the Dock Loan of Rs. 2,87,70,566 amounted to Rs. 4,85,60,666, and the total amount outstanding on these loans on the 31st March 1900 was Rs. 4,27,42,265. The total investments at credit of the sinking funds have been raised from Rs. 20,99,000 at the beginning, to Rs. 23,96,600 at the close, of the year. The money is almost entirely invested in the Commissioners' own debentures.

Against this debt (consisting of the unpaid portion of the consolidated loan from the Government, together with the book debt on account of the Port Block transferred by the Government to the Commissioners in 1871, the Dock Loan, and the eight Debenture Loans), amounting in all to Rs. 4,51,38,865, the Commissioners hold block of the nominal value of Rs. 6,06,39,053, including reserve funds amounting to Rs. 35,83,856. They hold in addition the valuable Strand Bank Lands extending from Chandpal Ghat to Aheeritolah Ghat, for which they pay to the Government an annual quit-rent of Rs. 37,292.

2. The year opened with a revenue balance of Rs. 6,35,306, and the income for the year under review amounted to Rs. 66,51,114. The expenditure, including sinking funds, renewals and improvements, amounted to Rs. 66,53,495, leaving a balance of Rs. 6,32,925 on the 31st March 1900.

The income during the year exceeded that of the previous year by Rs. 4,18,294, which was due to increased receipts from the Jetties, the Port Trust Railway, and the Kidderpore Docks. The largest increase was Rs. 1,16,975 in the Railway, of which more than half was earned by letting wagons to other railways. The increase in the Docks was Rs. 1,15,728, and that of the special toll Rs. 59,468.

3. The income under the head "Jetties" amounted to Rs. 17,52,780, or Rs. 1,04,174 more than that of the previous year. The expenditure amounted to Rs. 11,08,247, being Rs. 6,057 less than that of the previous year. The net revenue under this head was Rs. 6,44,533, as compared with Rs. 5,34,302 in the previous year. The increase was mainly due to an improvement to the extent of Rs. 60,562 in the receipts from the Petroleum Wharf at Budge-Budge, which amounted to Rs. 4,37,582, against Rs. 3,77,020 in the previous year. The expenditure was Rs. 1,44,352, the net revenue thus amounting to Rs. 2,93,230.

The importation of oil from Russia was 79 per cent. of the total quantity imported in the year under review: 14½ per cent. was American oil and 6½ per cent. was from Rangoon.

4. The storing of piece-goods at the Tea Warehouse has been finally discontinued, and the whole space is now used for storing and sampling tea. During the year the total number of packages of tea amounted to 941,523 chests, against 759,467 in 1898-99. The total receipts, which were Rs. 1,00,003 in the previous year, amounted in the year under review to Rs. 1,04,509.

5. During the year 204 vessels, with a tonnage of 538,847, were berthed at the Jetties, against 204, with a tonnage of 541,086, during 1898-99. The average number of days each vessel occupied the Jetties was 7.6.

6. The income of the Harbour Master's Department amounted to Rs. 5,72,539 against Rs. 5,79,596 obtained during the previous year. The decrease was due chiefly to smaller receipts from Harbour Master's earnings, mooring hire and wreckages and anchors recovered. The expenditure amounted to Rs. 6,74,173 against Rs. 6,93,800 in the previous year.

7. During the year there were 11 casualties to vessels against the same number in the previous year. This gives a percentage of .91, calculated on the number of vessels which arrived in the Port. None of the casualties were of a serious nature. In two cases, the Assistant Harbour Masters concerned were warned to be more careful in future, and in the other nine cases, no blame was found to be attached to any one.

8. The work of examining boats plying for hire was regularly attended to by the Surveyors, and during the year 90 passenger boats and 205 cargo boats were called in for survey. Of these, 63 passenger boats were found to have become defective through wear and tear, and 27 owing to accidents. Of the cargo boats, 150 had become defective through wear and tear, and 55 from the effects of accidents.

9. The returns of the Port Trust Railway show an increase of nearly 5,000,000 maunds. The number of wagons passed over the line increased by 22 per cent.

10. The receipts from Port Dues amounted to Rs. 4,81,793, against Rs. 4,80,137 in 1898-99. The expenditure for the year amounted to Rs. 5,64,290, against Rs. 5,57,399 in the previous year.

11. The Port Commissioners' Despatch Vessel *Resolute* came into collision with the British India Steam Navigation Company's steamer *Scindia* abreast of Diamond Harbour Creek, and foundered on the 14th August 1899. Four officers and 14 or 15 of the crew were drowned. A Special Court of Enquiry was appointed by the Government under section 7 of Act V of 1883, as amended by Act VI of 1891, to make an investigation in the matter, and the Court reported that the collision was due to want of skill and care on the part of the Senior Master Pilot, who was in charge of the *Scindia* at the time of the accident. The Pilot was then tried under section 2 of Act XII of 1859, on a charge of unskilfulness and negligence, but the jury having returned a unanimous verdict of *not guilty*, he was acquitted and discharged.

The Commissioners have since purchased the steam-tug *Retriever* to supply the place of the *Resolute*. She has been found to be well adapted for the general requirements of the Port.

12. No change appears to have occurred in the channel of the Sandheads. The Bell Buoy broke adrift in October, and another was laid in its place.

13. The river channels showed considerable change during the year. The principal changes that were noticed took place at the Beaumont's Gut, Kaukhali Crossing, Middleton Bar, Bedford Channel, Eden Channel, Gabtola Channel, Balari Channel, Kulpi Roads, Rangafulla Channel, Back of Hooghly, James and Mary's Eastern Gut, Ninan and Tail of Fulta Sand.

14. A sum of Rs. 9,68,013 was obtained from special tolls levied under section 108 of the Calcutta Port Act, 1890, against Rs. 9,08,545 in the previous year.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CALCUTTA GAZETTE, NOVEMBER 28, 1900. 1987

Working of the Kidderpore Docks.

15. The result of the working of the Kidderpore Docks was as follows:—

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditure.</i>	
	Rs.		Rs.
Graving Dock ...	1,58,834	Traffic Establishment ...	3,32,842
Rent and Miscellaneous ...	1,07,001	Working Expenses ...	11,09,992
Imports ...	25,641	Repairs ...	35,908
Exports ...	13,67,226	Municipal Taxes ...	1,48,488
		Interest ...	11,60,823
Total ...	16,48,102	Total ...	27,78,053

The receipts show an increase of more than a lakh and the expenditure a reduction of about a quarter of that sum.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

R. B. BUCKLEY,

Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

WEATHER AND CROP REPORT.

For the week ending the 26th November 1900.

Burdwan.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Sowing of *rabi* continues. Condition of standing crops good. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice selling as follows:—

				Srs.	
Sadar	12	} per rupee.
Kalna	...	...	...	11 ⁵ / ₈
Katwa	...	...	...	12 ⁵ / ₈
Raniganj	...	...	...	13

Birbhum.—No rain. Weather cloudy. Early *aman* being harvested. *Rabi* sowing continues. Standing crops doing well. Price of rice at Sadar 12¹/₄ seers and at Rampur Hat 13¹/₄ seers per rupee. Fodder sufficient.

Bankura.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Sugarcane doing well. Harvesting of *aman* paddy has commenced. Sowing of *rabi* continues. Fodder and water sufficient. No cattle-disease reported. Price of coarse rice (new) at Bankura 13¹/₄ seers and at Vishnupur 12¹/₄ seers per rupee.

Midnapore.—No rain. Fodder scanty in Contai and Tamluk. *Aman* being reaped. *Rabi* being sown. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs.	
Sadar	14	} per rupee.
Contai	...	...	...	14
Tamluk	...	...	...	11 ⁵ / ₈
Ghatal	...	...	...	13

Hooghly.—No rain. Sowing of *rabi* and cultivation of potato still going on. Cessation of rain likely to affect the *aman*. Common rice sells at 10¹/₄ seers per rupee.

Howrah.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of *aman* commenced in places in Ulubaria subdivision. *Rabi* progressing. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells at 10¹/₄ seers per rupee.

24-Parganas.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops not good. Rain is urgently wanted in Barasat and Basirhat subdivisions. Ploughing and sowing of *rabi* crops still continues. *Aman* is harvested in places. Water sufficient. Fodder in Basirhat subdivision insufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs.	
Sadar	10	} per rupee.
Barasat	...	...	...	10
Basirhat	...	...	...	10 ³ / ₄
Diamond Harbour	...	...	...	11

Nadia.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops generally good, but rain is badly needed. Fodder and water sufficient. Price of common rice stationary.

Murshidabad.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of *aman* and sowing of *rabi* crops going on. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs.	
Sadar	13	} per rupee.
Lalbagh	...	...	...	14
Kandi	...	...	...	15
Jangipur	...	...	...	15

Jessore.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops good and those of winter rice not favourable. Sowing of *rabi* crops going on. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs.	
Sadar	14	} per rupee.
Jhenida	...	...	...	15
Magura	...	...	...	13 ¹ / ₄
Narail	...	...	...	13
Bangaon	...	...	...	13 ⁵ / ₈

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CALCUTTA GAZETTE, NOVEMBER 23, 1900. 1939

Khulna.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. *Aman* paddy doing well. Prospects favourable. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows :—

	Srs.	
Sadar	...	12½
Bagerhat	...	12½
Satkhira	...	11

} per rupee.

Rajshahi.—Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops fair. Harvesting of *aman* paddy in progress. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water-supply plentiful. Common rice sells at 14½ seers a rupee.

Dinajpur.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. State of the crop good. No cattle-disease. Water and fodder plentiful. Rice selling at Sadar 16 seers and at Thakurgaon 13 seers per rupee.

Jalpaiguri.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospect of *haimanti* paddy not favourable. Transplantation of tobacco continues. Price of common rice stationary. Fodder and water sufficient.

Darjeeling.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. *Bara marua*, *aman dhan*, *kalai*, being harvested. *Phapor*, *tori* progressing. *Terai*—*haimanti* paddy progressing. Mustard, potatoes, tobacco being sown. Coarse rice sells as follows :—

	Srs.	
Hills	...	9
Terai	...	14

} per rupee.

Bhutta sells at Darjeeling 22 seers and at Kalimpong 24 seers per rupee.

Rangpur.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Condition of *aman* tolerable. *Rabi* crops are promising. Water and fodder sufficient. Common rice sells as follows :—

	Srs.	
Sadar	...	12
Gaibanda	...	12
Kurigram	...	10
Nilphamari	...	13

} per rupee.

Bogra.—No rain. Cutting of paddy and *rabi* sowing going on. Prospects of *aman* moderate. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells at 14 seers per rupee.

Pabna.—Rainfall nil. Weather cool. Winter paddy being harvested. Prospects good. Prices unchanged.

Dacca.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops fair. Fodder available. No cattle-disease. Common rice 12 seers per rupee.

Mymensingh.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops fair. Harvesting of *aman* commenced. Fodder sufficient. Water available. Common rice sells as follows :—

	Srs.	
Sadar	...	10½
Jamalpur	...	11
Kishoreganj	...	11½
Tangail	...	11½
Netrokona	...	12½

} per rupee.

Faridpur.—No rain. Weather seasonable. State and prospects of crops good. Common rice sells at 12 seers a rupee.

Backergunge.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospect of crops good. Common rice sells at 11½ seers (*aman*) and 13½ seers (*aus*) per rupee.

Tippera.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of *aman* paddy commenced. Appearance of insects which are damaging standing crops reported from Nabinagar thana. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice averages 12 seers 3 chitaks the rupee.

Noakhali.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Crop prospects good. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient. Prices unchanged.

Chittagong.—No rain. Prospect of *aman* crop not good owing to insufficient rain. Water and fodder sufficient. Common rice 13 seers per rupee.

Patna.—Rainfall nil. Early paddy harvested. *Aghani* paddy nearly ready for the sickle. *Rabi* germinating. Poppy sowing finished; young plants doing well. Pressing of sugarcane continues. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water for cattle sufficient. Common rice in Patna sells at 15 seers a rupee.

Gaya.—Rainfall nil. Harvesting of paddy commenced. Sowing of *rabi* and pressing of sugarcane going on. Common rice selling at $11\frac{1}{2}$ seers per rupee.

Shahabad.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of paddy still in progress. Sowing of *rabi* and opium nearly completed. Standing crops generally good. Fodder and water sufficient. Rice selling at Sadar 12 seers per rupee.

Saran.—No rain. Weather seasonable. *Rabi* sowing nearly finished. Standing crops doing well. Poppy crop so far good. Common rice 15 seers and *makai* $23\frac{1}{10}$ seers per rupee.

Champaran.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of standing crops good. Harvesting of winter rice commenced in places. *Rabi* and poppy sowing continues. Fodder and water sufficient. Prices of common rice and maize at Sadar are $16\frac{1}{2}$ and 27 seers per rupee respectively.

Muzaffarpur.—Rainfall nil. Prospects good. *Rabi* sowing almost completed. Harvesting of winter rice commenced in places. Prices are—Common rice 15 seers, wheat 13 seers, barley 19 seers, maize 24 seers, gram 16 seers, *arhar* 15 seers, *marua* 25 seers a rupee.

Darbhanga.—Rainfall nil. Prospect of standing crops good. Sowing of *rabi* completed. Fodder and water sufficient. No cattle-disease reported. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs.	
Sadar	...	...	...	$16\frac{1}{2}$	} per rupee.
Samastipur	...	...	...	14	
Madhubani	...	...	...	$16\frac{7}{8}$	

Monghyr.—No rain. Weather seasonable. *Rabi* sowing going on in places in Begusarai subdivision. Paddy harvesting continues. Standing crops doing well. Poppy sowings nearly finished and the general state of the crop is satisfactory. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs.	
Monghyr	...	...	...	$15\frac{3}{4}$	} per rupee.
Begusarai	...	...	...	$13\frac{1}{2}$	
Jamui	...	...	...	$12\frac{1}{2}$	

Bhagalpur.—Weather cold. Winter rice is being harvested. *Rabi* being sown, other crops are doing well. Fodder and water ample. No cattle-disease.

Purnea.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Sowing of *rabi* crops in progress. Standing crops doing well. Harvesting of *aghani* rice going on. Pressing of sugarcane and manufacture of molasses commenced. No cattle-disease. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs.	
Sadar	...	...	...	14	} per rupee.
Krishnaganj	...	...	...	14	
Araria	...	...	...	17	

Malda.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Winter rice ripening in some places. Prospect of *kalai*, mustard and other *rabi* crops good. No cattle-disease. Price of rice unchanged. Fodder and water sufficient.

Southal Parganas.—No rain. Harvesting of winter rice going on. *Rabi* crops being sown. Fodder and water sufficient. Condition of cattle good. Average price of rice 13 seers and of maize 22 seers per rupee. Godda report not received.

Cuttack.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. *Laghu sarad* and sugarcane being harvested. *Guru sarad* in ears. *Rabi* and *dalia* growing. Want of rain felt in some places. Condition of cattle good. Fodder and water sufficient. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs. ch.	
Sadar	14 2	} per rupee.
Jajpur	...	...	...	17 1
Kendrapara	...	...	...	19 1
Banki	...	...	...	16 12

Balasore.—No rain. *Sarad* and *kantha* ripening; *beali* being threshed. *Rabi* crops doing well. Cotton is being gathered. Sugarcane cutting continues. Irrigation continues for want of rain. Rice sells at $16\frac{1}{2}$, $14\frac{1}{2}$ and 17 seers per rupee in interior, Balasore and Bhadrak, respectively. Fodder sufficient. Cattle-disease reported from Basudebpur and Jellasore circles.

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Angul.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of winter rice continues. Prospects of standing crops good. Price of common rice in Angul 20 seers and in Khondmala 12 seers per rupee. Fodder and water sufficient.

Puri.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. *Laghu* paddy ripening and being harvested. *Bara sarad* in ears and ripening. *Biri* being harvested. *Kulthi* and other miscellaneous crop growing well. Pressing of sugarcane going on. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle-disease reported from one part of Khurda subdivision. Common rice sells as follows:—

				Srs. ch.
Sadar	...	...	...	(old) 14 7 }
Khurda	...	...	...	(old) 14 7 }
				(new) 18 6 } per rupee.
Interior of district	...	...	...	(old) 14 8 }
				(new) 18 7 }

Hazaribagh.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Fodder and water sufficient. Harvesting of winter paddy in full swing. Common rice sells at Sadar 14 to 16 seers and at Giridi 14 seers per rupee.

Ranchi.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Harvesting of paddy continues. Rice sells 16 seers at Sadar and 20 seers in the interior per rupee. Cattle-disease reported from several thanas. Fodder and water sufficient.

Palamau.—No rain. Weather seasonable. Paddy harvesting in full swing. *Rabi* doing well. Rice selling at Sadar 15½ seers per rupee.

Manbhum.—Rainfall nil. Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops on ground good. Fodder and water sufficient. Cattle-disease reported from Katras. Average price of common rice at Sadar 14½ seers and at Gobindpur 14 seers per rupee. Supply sufficient.

Singhbhum.—Rain nil. Harvesting of winter rice crop has commenced in some parts. A full 16-anna crop expected. Average price of rice is 17 seers 10 chitaks in the district; at Chaibassa 16 seers.

General Summary.—No rain fell during the week. Sowing of *rabi* continues. Harvesting of paddy and pressing of sugarcane in progress. Sowing of poppy approaching completion in Bihar. Appearance of insects which are damaging standing crops is reported from Nabinagar thana in Tippera. Prospects of crops, on the whole, good. Fodder sufficient, except in flooded tracts of Midnapore and 24-Parganas. Cattle-disease reported from some parts of Orissa and Chota Nagpur Divisions. The price of common rice has fallen in 16 districts, risen in 11 and is stationary in the rest.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

F. A. SLACKE,

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

The 27th November 1900.

IRRIGATION OPERATIONS FOR THE OFFICIAL YEAR 1900-1901.
Areas leased for Irrigation up to end of September 1900.

Circles.	District.	Canal.	DETAILS OF AREAS LEASED.										Rainfall, 1900-1901.		Rainfall, 1899-1900.		REMARKS.					
			Estimated full discharge.	Average discharge in month.	Discharge utilized.	Approximate area of land irrigated during the year up to the end of the month.	Approximate area of land under irrigation up to the same date last year.	Season leases.					Total.	Grand Total.	During month.	Up to end of month.						
								Long-term leases.	Kharif.	Rabi.	Sugarcane.	Blad.						Hot-weather.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
Onda	Cuttack	Taldanda, 1st reach	1,342	640	152	18,500	17,853	19,055	253	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	253	18,300	16'40	60'15	3'33	47'46	Kelal.
		Ditto, 2nd "	666	247	152	18,500	17,853	19,055	190	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	190	36,917	15'03	62'43	1'40	28'35	Bala.
		Machgaon "	766	443	248	35,917	35,711	36,727	8,545	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,545	50,925	15'29	44'29	3'83	47'00	Jagatsingpur.
		Kendrapara "	1,067	690	497	50,925	50,797	52,160	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18'31	55'71	5'00	54'45	Kendrapara.
		Gobri "	575	72	64	3,744	3,695	3,744	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14'57	56'07	6'89	48'52	Kendrapara.
		Do. Extension "	664	44	31	3,883	3,835	3,917	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3'33	16'60	6'77	42'03	Ichapur.
		Palamundi "	993	177	143	15,374	14,250	14,163	7	15,516	14'63	59'08	3'52	47'77	Nurlang.
		High Level, Range I	608	270	178	22,574	22,546	22,561	22,575	24'75	78'58	2'88	47'33	Jamapur.
		Ditto, do. II	727	23	33	3,312	3,293	3,293	321	No gauge.
		Jairpur Canal, including Dumbat Canal	700	125	110	10,198	9,978	9,978	154	10,162	71'63	4'82	39'38	Jalpur.
SOUTH-WESTERN.	Balasore	High Level, Range III	737	226	164	31,324	30,394	30,443	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18'74	81'54	9'31	44'66	Akroyapada.
		Total	.....	.....	.....	186,114	186,728	184,392	10,977	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total of the corresponding period of last year	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	163,701	22,422	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Midnapore "	1,411	828'68	224'10	69,103	60,188	61,493	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Panchkura "	523	22'75	20'03	9,019	1,468	7,749	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total Reccha, Ranges I & II	.....	.....	.....	1,635	131	1,467	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total	.....	.....	.....	79,757	61,517	71,047	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total of the corresponding period of last year	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70,398	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Western Main	4,342	2,915	456	10,008	17,298	11,344	8,216	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Sore	Shahabad	Buxar "	1,256	660	119	30,772	27,640	28,508	20,317
Atish "	2,600			1,782	1,098	184,022	185,673	186,005	25,105	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eastern Main	1,468			1,101	704	22,753	22,585	22,585	917	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Patna "	.....			.....	.....	77,163	75,995	69,583	16,943	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....			.....	.....	311,898	316,454	320,753	71,347	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total of the corresponding period of last year	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	254,000	27,013	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GRAND TOTAL	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	546,000	82,374	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Total of the corresponding period of last year	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	546,000	82,374	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total of the corresponding period of last year	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	488,759	79,493	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	488,759	79,493	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* This represents the area under provisional license.

Calcutta,
The 27th November 1900.

A. S. THOMSON,
Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL, IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT.

Approximate Return of Traffic on the Circular and Eastern Canals for the week ending Saturday, the 24th November 1900, as compared with the corresponding week of the previous year.

NATURE OF CARGO.	WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 24TH NOVEMBER 1900.			WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, THE 25TH NOVEMBER 1899.		
	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.	Number of boats.	Weight of cargo.	Tollage.
	No.	Mds.	Rs.	No.	Mds.	Rs.
Rice and paddy	549	70,423	1,126	825	1,07,725	1,806
Jute	485	1,33,078*	2,017	243	1,21,600	1,806
Firewood	84	70,700	1,054	69	59,175	851
Other articles	830	1,86,530	2,476	725	1,86,625	2,632
Total	1,948	4,60,731	5,672	1,862	4,75,125	6,895

* Weight by canal measurement—1,26,200 mawds.

BENGAL CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Abstract of principal Commodities carried over the Bengal Central Railway during the month of September 1900 as compared with the same month of previous year.

ARTICLES.	1900.		1899.		TOTAL.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Up.	Down.	Up.	Down.	1900.	1899.		
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Animals								
Apparel, including drapery, haberdashery, millinery, uniforms, accoutrements, boots and shoes.	6				6		6	
Coal and Coke carried over the Public and Foreign Railways.	3,293		1,435	41	3,293	1,476	817	
Cotton, raw								
Cotton, manufactured—								
Twist and yarn, European	24		63		24	63		39
Ditto, Indian								
Piece-goods, European	185	5	210	2	185	212		27
Ditto, Indian	1		1	1	1	2		1
Others								
Chemicals, excepting saltpetre								
Drugs—								
Intoxicating, other than opium								
Non-intoxicating—								
Medical preparations								
Others	3		3		3	3		
Dyes and Tans—								
Indigo								
Myrabolams								
Cutch								
Turnerie	3	7	6	7	10	13		3
Alizarine and Aniline Dyes								
Al (Morinda Citrifolia)								
Tanning Barks								
Others								
Fodder—								
Oilcake	7	19			26		26	
Hay, straw and grass								
Fruits and vegetables, fresh	3	35			43		43	
Grain and Pulse—								
Wheat								
Rice in the husk	63	15	7	34	67	41	26	
Do. not in the husk	16	1,474	15	1,714	1,490	1,739	249	
Jawar and Bajra								
Gram and pulse	44	67	43	345	101	367	266	
Wheat flour	23				23		23	
Others	1				1		1	
Hides and Skins—								
Hides of cattle—								
Dressed or tanned								
Raw		23		26	23	26		3
Skins of sheep and other animals—								
Dressed or tanned		13			13		13	
Raw								
Horns								
Hemp (Indian) and other fibres, excluding jute								
Jute—								
Raw		14,109	2	6,414	14,109	6,416	7,793	
Gunny-bags and cloth	18	4	26	13	23	47	24	
Lea								
Leather—								
Unwrought								
Wrought, excepting boots and shoes			6			6		6
Liquors—								
Ale and beer								
Spirit of all kinds, including country spirit	6				6		6	
Wine	3		2		3	2		1
All other sorts, including toddy and fermented liquor, other than ale and beer.								
Metals—								
Copper, unwrought								
Brass, ditto			1		1		1	
Copper, wrought								
Brass, ditto	1	2	1	2	3	3		
Iron and steel—								
Cast	5		1		5	1	4	
Unwrought			2			2		2
Wrought	19		9		19	9	10	
Manufactures	3		1		3	1	2	
Others	3	16	16	23	19	39	20	
Oils—								
Kerosine	60	15	101	4	114	106	8	
Castor								
Cocconut	7		14		7	14	7	
Mustard and rape	30		30		30	30		
Others								
Oilseeds—								
Linseed		51		43	51	43	8	
Rape and mustard	24	2	1	30	26	40	14	
Til or jujili		13		46	13	46	33	
Poppy								
Earth-nuts								
Castor								
Others								
Opium								
Paper and Pasteboard	3		13	1	3	14	11	
Provisions—								
Ghee	3		3		3	3		
Dried fruits and nuts	1	163		100	164	100	64	
Others		6		30		36	30	

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ARTICLES.	1899.		1900.		TOTAL.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Up.	Down.	Up.	Down.	1899.	1900.		
Railway plant and rolling-stock carried for the Public and Foreign Railways— Locomotives, engines, and tenders, and parts thereof. Carriages and trucks, and parts thereof. Material— Steel rails and fish-plates. Sleepers and keys of steel and cast-iron. Other sorts.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Salt— Saltpetre and other saline substances— Saltpetre. Other saline substances.	437		311	4	437	315	122	
Silk, raw— Foreign. Indian.								
Silk, piece-goods— Foreign. Indian.								
Spices— Betel-nuts. Pepper. Ginger. Chillies. Cardamoms. Others.		320	1	70	320	71	249	
Stone and lime.	1	11	20	18	12	38		26
Sugar— Refined or crystallised, including sugar-candy. Unrefined— Sugar. Gur, rah, molasses, jaggery, and other saccharine produce.	36		35	3	36	37		1
Tea— Foreign. Indian.	21	63	13	33	34	46	34	
Tobacco— Unmanufactured. Manufactured— Cigars. Other sorts.	43	46	23	36	90	80	31	
Wood— Timber, unwrought. Manufactures.	52	9	23	16	52	41	11	
Wool, raw. Wool, Manufactured— Carpets and rugs. Piece-goods, European. Idio, Indian. Other sorts, of manufactures. All other articles of merchandise.	7				10		10	
Total	3,623	16,608	2,610	9,336	20,523	12,016	2,309	1,013

CALCUTTA, the 23rd November 1900.

T. SIDDLE,
Chief Auditor and Accountant.

Weekly Return of Traffic Receipts on Indian Railways.

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 10th November 1900, on 1,837·09 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	(a) 421,576	Rs. A. P. 4,19,328 11 0	Mds. S. 51,83,569 20	Rs. A. P. 9,54,950 15 0	Rs. A. P. 24,810 6 0	Rs. A. P. 13,09,098 10 0	105,450	174,135	279,585
Or per mile of railway ...	.....	228 4 1	.....	519 13 1	13 8 2	701 9 4	.....	.....	.....
For previous 18 weeks of half-year ...	6,321,447*	69,05,340 4 0	8,35,44,518 20†	1,47,11,167 2 0†	3,68,787 0 0†	2,19,85,303 6 0	1,040,376§	3,223,930§	5,164,311
Total for 19 weeks ...	6,733,323	73,24,677 15 0	8,87,27,088 0	1,56,66,118 1 0	3,98,606 0 0	3,35,84,402 0 0	2,045,725	3,386,680	5,443,794
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	326,829	3,35,432 2 4	44,58,003 10	2,38,909 7 6	20,735 1 10	13,54,376 11 8	99,215‡	197,420‡	296,635‡
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	.....	225 5 0	.....	548 7 1	17 15 6	791 11 7	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 19 weeks of previous year ...	6,126,899‡	64,15,730 0 4	8,35,42,461 10	1,54,77,953 5 11	4,01,677 3 2	2,23,55,261 3 5	1,855,210‡	3,307,023‡	5,142,239‡

(a) The increase is due to the movements of passengers in connection with Sonapur fair and "Rash Purnamashi."

* Added No. of passengers 2,481 and deducted Rs. 2,627

† Deducted Mds. 5,259 and "Do. 61,576

‡ Audited figures up to 22nd September 1900. "Do. 2,536

On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 22nd September 1900.

1900.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899.

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.	
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
1,836·15	Week ended 7th July	420,005	4,08,022	47,80,058	9,26,211	21,564	14,18,727	772	308,405	Rs. A. P. 4 9 6
1,836·15	" " 14th "	382,635	3,75,890	49,03,181	9,21,659	22,241	13,19,698	719	307,447	4 7 0
1,837·00	" " 21st "	337,210	3,53,782	47,04,842	8,85,140	19,506	12,58,420	685	297,511	4 3 8
1,837·09	" " 28th "	344,710	3,46,133	50,89,389	9,27,080	19,576	12,02,569	704	294,050	4 6 1
1,837·09	" " 4th Aug.	362,321	4,51,735	45,19,233	8,21,984	18,857	12,92,570	704	290,422	4 7 3
1,837·09	" " 11th "	367,079	4,02,927	49,65,707	8,34,702	21,165	12,50,854	684	293,475	4 4 6
1,837·09	" " 18th "	344,237	3,60,027	44,25,720	7,51,000	19,220	11,30,247	620	284,313	3 15 11
1,837·09	" " 25th "	323,975	3,33,103	46,60,273	7,62,206	24,415	11,19,724	619	277,008	4 0 8
1,837·09	" " 1st Sept.	334,175	4,00,793	45,34,078	7,85,399	21,048	12,07,180	657	277,008	4 1 5
1,837·09	" " 8th "	410,043	4,27,736	47,53,398	8,08,090	21,055	14,57,481	684	301,731	4 5 0
1,837·09	" " 15th "	390,111	3,68,045	47,41,479	7,94,851	15,929	11,78,825	642	282,461	4 5 0
1,837·09	" " 22nd "	308,288	3,24,581	38,32,084	6,03,622	17,806	9,46,009	515	274,060	4 2 9
1,837·09	" " 29th "	366,087	4,02,474	36,52,985	6,38,784	20,723	10,61,980	575	258,257	3 7 3
1,837·09	" " 6th Oct.	348,778	3,82,450	37,20,032	6,64,854	20,661	10,07,945	581	282,953	3 19 5
1,837·09	" " 13th "	326,126	3,50,219	44,07,815	8,01,386	20,747	11,72,602	638	284,840	4 1 10
1,837·09	" " 20th "	323,167	3,80,288	54,36,903	9,83,770	21,418	13,55,426	704	289,727	4 15 0
1,837·09	" " 27th "	308,407	3,68,596	45,93,908	8,45,084	20,810	12,35,090	672	294,736	4 3 1
1,837·09	" " 3rd Nov.	343,474	3,98,482	50,84,525	9,56,510	21,340	13,70,747	740	292,070	4 11 2
1,837·09	" " 10th "	401,876	4,19,328	51,82,569	9,54,950	24,519	13,09,098	708	279,585	5 0 1
Totals up to date		6,733,323	73,24,678	8,87,27,088	1,56,66,118	3,98,606	2,33,94,402	670	5,443,794	4 4 9

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899—concluded.

1899.

		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
1,710·07	8 days of July	425,807	4,64,371	45,59,159	8,00,000	16,693	12,77,124	747	307,815	Rs. A. P. 4 2 6
1,710·07	Week ended 15th July	363,619	3,51,958	42,17,629	6,87,396	13,140	10,52,402	615	254,815	4 3 1
1,710·07	" " 22nd "	246,548	2,37,012	35,13,074	6,08,241	13,085	9,55,358	590	236,053	4 1 0
1,710·07	" " 29th "	305,690	3,05,455	34,23,360	5,78,397	12,912	8,96,754	524	235,053	3 12 11
1,710·07	" " 5th Aug.	295,202	3,31,853	39,59,345	6,39,140	14,859	9,85,351	570	245,041	4 0 8
1,710·07	" " 12th "	313,033	3,91,933	37,29,193	6,43,661	13,916	9,40,559	555	244,678	3 14 1
Adjustments on account of previous period.										
1,710·07	" " 19th Aug.	308,970	2,91,933	39,30,681	6,57,689	22,701	9,72,395	565	243,174	4 0 0
1,710·07	" " 26th "	313,596	2,78,251	41,21,908	6,89,038	24,138	9,91,417	580	240,401	3 15 7
1,710·07	" " 2nd Sept.	290,203	2,76,502	48,51,418	7,70,919	21,318	10,08,019	625	254,870	4 3 1
1,710·07	" " 9th "	291,974	3,07,086	46,73,914	8,10,066	22,599	11,06,041	647	254,164	4 3 1
1,710·07	" " 16th "	316,413	3,31,326	44,47,736	8,50,448	22,271	12,04,045	704	227,838	4 5 4
1,710·07	" " 23rd "	345,177	3,74,266	43,67,570	9,12,071	22,802	13,00,120	765	280,475	4 9 1
1,710·07	" " 30th "	326,546	3,38,116	52,82,761	9,51,508	10,806	13,04,430	709	286,128	4 8 11
1,710·07	" " 7th Oct.	337,446	3,64,030	46,70,178	8,50,735	20,452	13,50,236	709	284,736	4 8 5
1,710·07	" " 14th "	331,308	3,52,620	47,36,397	8,50,685	31,009	12,73,373	745	284,103	4 7 8
1,710·07	" " 21st "	293,404	3,42,679	45,00,547	8,03,951	24,008	12,70,698	743	282,407	4 8 0
1,710·07	" " 28th "	306,345	3,83,031	53,31,568	10,09,143	32,910	14,25,034	823	297,301	4 12 2
1,710·07	" " 4th Nov.	279,071	3,61,869	45,98,427	9,99,570	27,227	13,98,666	812	240,848	4 10 3
1,710·07	" " 11th "	326,829	3,85,433	44,38,063	9,38,999	30,735	15,54,877	793	295,642	4 9 4
Totals up to date		6,126,900	64,15,730	8,35,42,461	1,54,77,954	4,61,677	2,23,55,261	683	5,142,238	4 5 7

* Rs. 1,70,137—Added on account of rebate on coal deducted from returns from 1st July to 12th August 1899.

† " 45,824—Ditto ditto of mileage and demurrage not having been included in returns from 1st July to 12th August 1899.

‡ Audited figures.

TARKESSUR BRANCH RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 10th November 1900, on 22.23 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	TOTAL.
Total traffic for the week ...	(a)	Rs. A. P.	Mds. s.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Or per mile of railway ...	27,304	6,824 10 0	47,129 0	1,167 7 0	0 0 0	8,004 1 0	1,085	103	1,188
For previous 10 weeks of half-year ...	266,410*	66,391 11 0*	4,06,146 0†	11,806 8 0†	139 0 0‡	68,016 3 0	19,512§	1,860§	21,372
Total for 10 weeks ...	293,714	73,215 0	4,53,275 0	12,768 15 0	147 0 0	1,06,020 4 0	20,598	1,963	22,561
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	22,465‡	5,664 6 6	17,401 30	777 0 0	4 15 6	6,446 6 0	1,083	473	1,556
Per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	.....	255 13 11	.....	34 15 3	0 3 7	289 15 9	.....	.....	.....
Total for corresponding 10 weeks of previous year ...	267,373‡	66,646 4 3	2,46,930 30	9,396 6 0	157 14 0	96,000 9 0	20,660	2,067	22,727

(a) The increase is in outward passenger traffic, chiefly from Sheoraphuli and Tarakesur stations.

* Deducted No. of passengers 614 and

† Ditto Mds. 20,680 and

‡ Added

§ Audited figures up to 22nd September 1900.

On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 22nd September 1900.

1900.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899.

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.	
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
22-23	Week ended 7th July	29,128	6,830	9,631	309	7	7,045	317	1,188	Rs. A. P.
22-23	" " 14th "	22,489	7,459	12,557	449	7	7,915	306	1,306	5 14 11
22-23	" " 21st "	19,929	4,805	9,945	441	10	5,256	236	1,188	6 1 0
22-23	" " 28th "	19,106	4,520	10,916	493	10	5,023	236	1,188	4 0 0
22-23	" " 4th Aug.	18,774	4,518	8,306	423	6	4,947	219	1,188	4 0 0
22-23	" " 11th "	19,807	4,700	10,074	423	6	5,194	224	1,188	4 1 4
22-23	" " 18th "	15,945	3,513	6,795	346	4	3,868	171	1,188	4 5 11
22-23	" " 25th "	15,367	3,269	6,168	375	11	3,655	165	1,188	3 0 3
22-23	" " 1st Sept.	16,775	3,614	8,748	350	6	3,970	179	1,188	3 1 3
22-23	" " 8th "	18,791	4,430	6,923	375	7	4,713	212	1,188	3 6 6
22-23	" " 15th "	22,070	4,740	3,348	360	7	5,113	230	1,188	3 15 0
22-23	" " 22nd "	12,467	3,833	4,444	314	11	3,087	158	1,188	4 4 10
22-23	" " 29th "	17,637	4,334	38,081	661	8	4,993	225	1,188	3 0 0
22-23	" " 6th Oct.	23,168	6,080	41,940	971	8	7,045	317	1,188	4 0 0
22-23	" " 13th "	20,696	5,063	47,283	1,107	8	6,173	278	1,188	7 13 0
22-23	" " 20th "	20,136	4,834	55,377	1,886	8	6,727	303	1,188	5 14 7
22-23	" " 27th "	19,583	4,693	40,025	1,241	8	6,140	276	1,188	6 10 7
22-23	" " 3rd Nov.	24,615	6,000	50,618	1,302	8	7,319	320	1,188	6 3 7
22-23	" " 10th "	27,304	6,828	47,129	1,168	8	8,004	360	1,188	6 11 10
Totals up to date		293,714	73,215	4,53,275	12,763	147	1,06,020	251	22,561	4 12 3

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1899.

		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
22-23	4 days of July	24,240	5,025	5,042	328	13	6,380	286	1,437	4 6 10
22-23	Week ended 18th July	21,695	4,722	47,535	445	16	5,263	236	1,399	4 1 1
22-23	" " 25th "	20,413	5,142	15,329	345	7	5,497	247	1,188	4 10 0
22-23	" " 1st Aug.	17,331	3,074	9,001	915	6	4,796	210	1,241	3 13 10
22-23	" " 8th Aug.	16,079	3,709	9,220	387	13	4,169	187	1,188	3 0 0
22-23	" " 15th "	17,347	3,969	8,691	401	6	4,374	197	1,188	3 10 11
22-23	" " 22nd "	17,248	4,135	16,614	423	6	4,558	187	1,188	3 10 11
22-23	" " 29th "	16,265	3,606	7,169	364	9	4,491	203	1,188	3 13 6
22-23	" " 5th Sept.	15,719	3,592	9,490	324	8	4,022	181	1,188	3 6 2
22-23	" " 12th "	16,630	4,096	10,231	376	11	3,979	179	1,188	3 1 0
22-23	" " 19th "	16,864	4,196	9,392	423	7	4,620	207	1,188	3 10 0
22-23	" " 26th "	16,061	3,609	17,180	446	9	4,057	193	1,188	3 7 0
22-23	" " 3rd Oct.	16,764	4,317	16,331	566	9	4,879	219	1,188	4 1 1
22-23	" " 10th "	19,719	4,791	12,176	589	9	5,380	245	1,188	4 3 0
22-23	" " 17th "	23,449	6,172	9,979	423	10	6,611	297	1,034	4 0 0
22-23	" " 24th "	16,026	4,633	6,616	391	6	4,930	217	1,034	4 10 0
22-23	" " 31st "	20,047	4,950	15,694	727	6	5,683	265	1,188	4 13 6
22-23	" " 7th Nov.	20,510	4,735	14,393	900	3	5,646	249	1,405	3 13 11
22-23	" " 14th "	23,469	5,684	17,403	777	5	6,466	280	1,524	4 3 0
Totals up to date		267,374	66,646	2,46,931	9,396	159	96,000	236	22,561	4 1 0

DELHI-UMBALLA-KALKA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 10th November 1900, on 162.24 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.		MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.		Other earnings (estimated).	Total earnings.	TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN.		
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.	Weight carried.	Receipts.			Coaching.	Merchandise.	Total.
Total traffic for the week ...	19,133	Rs. A. P. 23,775 10 0	Mds. 1,43,636 30	Rs. A. P. 14,624 3 0	Rs. A. P. 64 0 0	Rs. A. P. 37,467 3 0	7,134	4,156	11,290
Or per mile of railway ...	140 6 8	140 6 8	885 20 1	90 3 3	0 6 4	230 16 0	43 7	25 6	69 3
For previous 19 weeks of half-year ...	368,744*	2,58,401 0 0	25,57,979 20 1	1,54,406 3 0	1,373 0 0	4,14,080 3 0	137,338	68,536	205,874
Total for 19 weeks ...	387,877	2,81,179 10 0	27,01,607 10	1,69,030 11 0	1,337 0 0	4,51,547 3 0	144,386	72,682	217,068
COMPARISON.									
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	17,054	20,645 4 2	96,864 10	13,008 13 0	65 0 0	33,713 1 0	8,041	3,788	11,829
Or per mile of railway corresponding week of previous year ...	127 4 0	127 4 0	598 20 1	80 3 3	0 6 4	207 12 9	12 7	23 6	36 3
Total for corresponding 19 weeks of previous year ...	335,308	2,81,316 8 1	16,98,985 30	2,35,572 14 4	1,315 0 0	5,58,304 7 2	140,331	68,338	208,669

* Deducted number of passengers 310 and Rs. 640 } On account of difference between the approximate and audited figures for the week ended 22nd
 † Ditto Mds. 24,776 " " 400 } September 1900.
 ‡ Ditto " " 8 }
 § Audited figures up to 22nd September 1900.

1900.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899.

Open mileage.	Period.	Coaching Traffic.		Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.		Other earnings.	Total.	Per mile of railway.	Train mileage.	
		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
1899-00	Week ended 7th July	15,338	21,176	88,170	11,180	64	32,410	300	11,976	2 11 4
1899-00	" " 14th "	20,399	20,638	68,459	10,400	68	31,100	192	12,904	2 6 7
1899-00	" " 21st "	11,952	10,354	60,874	4,854	70	16,278	94	9,672	1 0 2
1899-00	" " 28th "	12,906	9,853	2,08,023	6,985	83	16,501	102	9,190	1 12 2
1899-00	" " 4th August	14,501	10,672	44,541	3,454	91	14,317	88	9,023	1 9 3
1899-00	" " 11th "	12,967	9,444	2,03,861	8,843	42	18,329	113	10,402	1 11 11
1899-00	" " 18th "	13,755	10,372	1,27,437	4,970	63	15,329	84	9,297	1 10 5
1899-00	" " 25th "	13,442	9,500	2,44,983	5,734	63	14,267	80	8,836	1 8 10
1899-00	" " 1st Sept.	13,446	9,384	3,60,860	5,845	69	14,308	86	9,114	1 10 3
1899-00	" " 8th "	14,637	12,980	1,60,945	7,100	118	20,187	124	11,269	1 13 1
1899-00	" " 15th "	13,198	14,688	1,79,383	6,583	75	23,163	143	12,328	1 14 4
1899-00	" " 22nd "	12,530	13,092	49,757	6,009	66	18,757	116	11,225	1 10 9
1899-00	" " 29th "	15,243	16,353	87,164	9,070	64	25,386	136	11,770	2 3 5
1899-00	" " 6th Oct.	15,003	16,402	1,00,336	11,782	62	28,346	175	12,077	2 6 7
1899-00	" " 13th "	16,377	16,661	1,05,449	11,363	63	27,887	172	11,675	2 6 11
1899-00	" " 20th "	16,344	17,180	1,10,094	11,460	63	28,712	177	11,806	2 6 11
1899-00	" " 27th "	14,436	16,944	1,11,183	12,748	64	31,751	196	11,780	2 5 1
1899-00	" " 3rd Nov.	14,482	23,467	1,32,351	13,734	64	37,355	230	11,694	2 5 1
1899-00	" " 10th "	19,133	23,775	1,43,637	14,624	64	37,467	231	11,300	2 5 1
	Totals up to date	387,877	2,81,180	27,01,607	1,69,030	1,337	4,51,547	146	207,058	2 3 11

* Audited figures.

Abstract of progressive weekly returns of all earnings for 1900 in comparison with 1899—concluded.

1900.

		No. of passengers.	Rs.	Mds.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rate.
1899-00	3 days of July	23,311	19,776	73,881	9,176	95	29,047	179	11,065	2 6 11
1899-00	Week ended 15th July	20,330	17,554	61,713	8,853	80	26,473	163	9,943	2 10 7
1899-00	" " 22nd "	18,730	15,146	54,324	7,180	48	23,363	133	10,314	2 3 1
1899-00	" " 29th "	13,629	13,788	63,908	10,669	70	24,427	151	10,117	2 0 6
1899-00	" " 5th August	17,308	13,675	94,346	9,743	63	23,480	145	9,787	2 0 6
1899-00	" " 12th "	13,675	13,607	76,860	10,668	46	24,145	149	9,935	2 0 11
1899-00	" " 19th "	17,477	13,744	76,677	10,933	63	24,730	153	10,308	2 0 3
1899-00	" " 26th "	16,387	14,458	1,14,735	14,669	96	33,313	205	10,348	2 3 4
1899-00	" " 2nd Sept.	14,688	12,563	1,35,170	10,943	59	28,665	177	10,714	2 10 10
1899-00	" " 9th "	16,099	13,747	1,01,358	10,945	79	23,971	147	11,318	2 1 9
1899-00	" " 16th "	15,810	17,083	1,40,438	16,330	112	35,465	219	12,132	2 14 9
1899-00	" " 23rd "	16,506	25,374	1,07,870	12,156	73	37,603	228	13,723	2 11 10
1899-00	" " 30th "	15,314	18,935	77,748	10,921	46	29,691	182	10,886	2 12 3
1899-00	" " 7th Oct.	15,465	18,799	89,855	14,373	95	30,306	187	10,383	2 14 8
1899-00	" " 14th "	15,977	17,307	84,988	12,931	84	30,394	187	10,130	2 15 10
1899-00	" " 21st "	16,995	16,718	75,709	13,057	60	26,892	177	9,904	2 14 6
1899-00	" " 28th "	16,329	19,997	89,989	14,307	71	34,895	211	10,774	2 3 11
1899-00	" " 4th Nov.	15,650	22,053	1,04,004	15,701	69	37,813	233	11,307	2 5 1
1899-00	" " 11th "	17,959	20,645	86,535	13,083	65	33,713	208	11,649	2 12 7
	Totals up to date	335,308	2,81,316	16,98,985	2,35,572	1,315	5,58,304	184	208,669	2 11 5

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REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE SALT MARKET FOR THE SECOND
QUARTER OF 1900-1901.

No. 960B., dated Calcutta, the 22nd November 1900.

From—P. C. MITTER, Esq., Offg. Secretary to the Board of Revenue, L.P.,

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department.

I AM directed to submit the following report on the state of the salt market for the second quarter of 1900-1901, comprising the months of July, August and September 1900.

THE HON'BLE MR. W. B. OLDHAM, C.I.E.

2. The quantity of salt of every description cleared during the quarter amounted to 26,15,493 maunds, as compared with 29,27,325 maunds in the previous quarter and 25,99,230 maunds in the corresponding quarter of the previous year; and the nett amount of duty levied thereon was Rs. 60,96,387, as against Rs. 68,49,893 in the previous quarter and Rs. 60,54,751 in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

3. The quantity of locally-made salt removed from the *golas* in Orissa during the quarter and the quantity which remained in store at its close are shown in table (I) below:—

TABLE I.

1	2
	Puri.
Balance at the close of the previous quarter ...	Mds. 8,91,213
Manufactured or added during the quarter ...	.....
Total ...	8,91,213
Sold during the quarter ...	14,868
Wastage ...	2,214
Total ..	17,082
Balance at the close of the quarter ...	3,74,130

The total sales of locally-made salt during the quarter amounted to 14,868 maunds, as compared with 18,176 maunds in the previous quarter and 17,834 maunds in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Duty was paid on the full quantity sold. In view of the large stock still remaining unsold, and the slowness of deliveries, the price of this salt has recently been reduced.

4. The subjoined table (II) shows in detail the importations into the port of Calcutta and the total clearances of sea-imported salt during the quarter, as compared with the figures of the corresponding quarters of the last two years:—

TABLE II.

WHENCE IMPORTED.	1898-99.		1899-1900.		1900-1901.	
	2nd quarter.		2nd quarter.		2nd quarter.	
	Imported.	Cleared.	Imported.	Cleared.	Imported.	Cleared.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
I.—United Kingdom	13,87,691	14,91,103	23,00,850	13,18,329	13,05,405	13,09,620
II.—Hamburg	1,81,679	2,02,301	4,32,346	2,34,680	1,38,309	2,65,388
Victoria	8	5				
Ras Rawayah	4,91,477	1,08,108	5,11,249	1,74,431	3,32,032	1,57,352
Madagascar						
Muscat		800		3,705		
Solif	4,19,470	1,01,809		2,110		800
IV.—Aden	1,38,833	81,343	2,09,690	1,17,655	4,20,677	2,48,213
Lincah		4,516		2,29,370	4,03,011	1,75,907
Jedda		18,110	69,020	11,880		6,900
Hanjam	1,03,444	63,902		22,770		
Singapore	5	5		20,133	2,03,919	35,970
Ceylon						
Java						
Coconada	47,553	46,054	4,600	908	2	3
V.—Ooddisore	6	6				
Madras	10,000	10,024	4,300			
Vinagapetam	300	300	4,430			
VI.—Bombay	2,14,381	93,798	2,40,116	1,08,799	5,0502	1,59,055
Total	29,04,664	22,61,179	39,02,612	24,09,429	26,81,360	23,78,950

5. Table III shows the quantity of sea-imported salt remaining in the warehouses at the close of the quarter, as compared with the results of the previous four quarters:—

TABLE III.

WHERE STORED.	Second quarter of 1899-1900.	Third quarter of 1899-1900.	Fourth quarter of 1899-1900.	First quarter of 1900-1901.	Second quarter of 1900-1901.
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Sulkea Government Salt Golas	24,17,957	24,85,895	18,76,501	10,08,927	13,98,899
Kidderpore Dock ditto	6,61,160	7,00,220	5,81,797	4,55,093	5,53,044
Chittagong Government Salt Golas	46,651	1,78,388	1,28,906	76,809	60,773
Ditto private ditto	23,115	14,513	3,928	2,310	.....
Narayankanj (private bonded salt warehouses)	32,128	51,301	54,440	43,477	13,491
Khulna (ditto ditto)	1,596	2,416	3,244	852	4,201
Palasore (ditto ditto)	310	599	6,040	7,093	.....
Chandbali (ditto ditto)	10,400	2,628	1,126	4,800	2,556
Bhairsab Bazar (ditto ditto)	25,080	22,530	21,000	12,000	24,580
Jhalakati (ditto ditto)	19,641	31,198	25,378	16,212	29,590
Total	32,37,838	34,99,806	27,02,600	16,08,502	20,37,794

6. The despatches of salt from Calcutta by water and the three railways passing through the several pass-stations into the interior of the country, both east and west of the river Hooghly, as well as the despatches by steamers and flats during the quarter and the corresponding quarters of the last two years, are shown in table (IV) below:—

TABLE IV.

PERIOD.	BY WATER.					BY RAIL.			BY STEAMERS AND FLATS.	
	Via Balikhal.	Via Sankrail.	Via Gowen- khali.	Via Kidder- pore.	Via Ballia- ghatta.	Via Rath- tala Ghas.	By East Indian Rail- way.	By the Ban- ern Bengal, Central and South-East- ern Railways or via Chit- pur.	Quantity despatched into the interior (excluding Orissa).	Quantity des- patched to Orissa.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Second quarter of 1898-99...	1 57,134	1,73,412	56,767	66,376	1,88,401	880	6,66,589	4,06,370	3,32,240	15,509
Ditto of 1899-1900...	1,62,898	1,43,890	57,552	81,892	2,24,40	...	5,77,021	5,02,760	3,06,105	20,680
Ditto of 1900-1901...	1,66,172	1,29,254	52,565	83,775	2,74,941	...	6,77,324	5,48,593	3,16,517	13,629

7. The quantity of salt despatched by the East Indian Railway to stations beyond Buxar during the quarter amounted to 1,215 maunds as noted in the margin, against 3,149 maunds and 10 seers in the previous quarter and 9,094 maunds and 20 seers in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

8. The quantity of saltpetre removed from the refineries during the quarter on payment of duty amounted to 3,317 maunds, as compared with 4,714 maunds in the previous quarter and 1,965 maunds in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

9. The shipments of Liverpool salt during the quarter for the port of Calcutta, according to the published market reports, amounted to 24,658 tons. It is reported that one sailing vessel was *en route* for Calcutta at the close of the quarter with 2,500 tons of salt from Hamburg.

10. Table V shows the average wholesale price per 100 maunds of Liverpool and other descriptions of salt during each fortnight of the quarter:—

TABLE V.

DESCRIPTION OF SALT.	Fortnight ending 15th July 1900.	Fortnight ending 31st July 1900.	Fortnight ending 15th August 1900.	Fortnight ending 31st August 1900.	Fortnight ending 15th September 1900.	Fortnight ending 30th September 1900.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Liverpool pansa	65 8 8	60 1 10	61 1 10	63 3 4	64 0 0	63 13 4
Hamburg karkatch	62 10 0	.....	55 5 4	55 0 0	54 12 0	.....
Muscat ditto	46 13 4	47 0 0	.....	40 0 0	49 0 0	37 0 0
Jeddah ditto	63 8 0	60 6 4	60 0 0	50 0 0	47 6 10	46 3 6
Bombay ditto	46 0 0	44 11 2	46 3 0	45 0 0	45 0 0	44 0 0
Aden crushed	.....	55 0 0	52 5 4	49 13 4	46 3 6	44 8 0
Salif do.	54 3 11	53 14 0	51 3 6	48 7 3	46 9 4	46 3 8
Kawayah do.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

11. The following table (VI) shows the quantity of sea-imported salt admitted into bond and cleared from bond and shipboard at the several outports and inland warehousing stations:—

TABLE VI.

PORT OR STATION.	Description of salt.	ADMITTED INTO BOND.		CLEARED.	
		Second quarter of 1899-1900.	Second quarter of 1900-1901.	Second quarter of 1899-1900.	Second quarter of 1900-1901.
1	2	3	4	5	6
		Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.
Chittagong	Liverpool	.....	16,710	57,333	41,399
	Hamburg	6,240	.....	855	3,232
Narayanganj	Liverpool	1,08,500	1,13,154	1,35,872	1,39,660
Khulna	Ditto	8,550	15,694	4,755	12,095
Balasore	Ditto	5,000	.....	5,401	6,760
Chandball	Ditto	13,000	10,056	18,000	12,127
Bhairab Basar	Ditto	40,595	69,950	41,100	57,370
Jhalakati	Ditto	40,500	70,500	40,663	55,423
	Total	2,31,385	2,96,064	2,98,709	3,28,063

No transactions in sea-imported salt have been reported for the quarter from Cuttack and Puri.

RESOLUTION REVIEWING THE REPORTS ON THE WORKING OF
MUNICIPALITIES IN BENGAL DURING THE YEAR 1899-1900.

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.—MUNICIPAL.

RESOLUTION—No. 3383M.

Calcutta, the 50th November 1900.

READ—

The Reports from the several Commissioners of Divisions on the working of Municipalities in Bengal (except Calcutta) during the year 1899-1900.

Read again—

The Resolution reviewing the Divisional Commissioners' Reports on the working of Municipalities during the year 1898-99.

The number of municipalities in Bengal during the year ending with 31st March 1900 was 153. Two new municipalities were formed during the year by the subdivision into smaller bodies of existing municipalities which had been found too large for efficient administration. The population within municipal limits therefore remained practically stationary, the slight variation from the previous year's figures being due to the alteration of certain municipal boundaries. According to the census figures of 1891 the population of the 153 municipal towns is 2,730,809.

2. The total number of rate-payers rose from 467,240 in 1898-99 to 469,669, representing 17·2 per cent. of the municipal population, as against 17·1 in the previous year. The increase is due to considerable additions in the Bhagalpur Municipality, where the number rose from 6,289 in the previous year to 10,233. But for this, there would have been a decrease. With reference to the falling off of 2,057 in the number of rate-payers in the municipalities of the Presidency Division as compared with the previous year, the Commissioner remarks that the reason of the variations, which are most marked in towns where the tax on persons is in force, is that, when names of rate-payers who have ceased to occupy holdings are struck off the demand roll, sufficient efforts are not made to maintain the balance by the assessment of new residents, and that many persons thus escape taxation altogether. This remark is of general application, and it is probable that the results of the forthcoming census will disclose a percentage of rate-payers decidedly lower than that at present recorded. The percentage of rate-payers to population varied between 32·2 at Noakhali and 6·1 at Kurseong. Taking Divisional averages, the percentage exceeded the provincial average in the Presidency (19·3), Chittagong (18·5), and Burdwan (18·49) Divisions, whilst the rest fell below it. In the Bhagalpur Division all the municipalities, except Deoghur and Sahibganj, show an increase, and the percentage has risen from 12·8 to 15·1.

In reviewing the working of municipalities during 1898-99, Government had occasion to comment on the extraordinarily large reduction in the number of assesses which the figures submitted to Government by the Darbhanga Municipality showed to have been effected by an objection committee, and the attention of the local officers was drawn to the matter. It is now reported that those figures were altogether erroneous. The correct figures show that the revision of assessment made in 1897-98 and 1898-99 raised the number of assesses by 2,534, or by 37 per cent., and the demand on account of personal tax by Rs. 13,146 or 59 per cent. The figures of 1899-1900 show a reduction on those of 1898-99 of 2 per cent. in the number of assesses, and of 15 per cent. in the demand; and it is reported that during the current year there has been a very large further reduction. The Commissioner observes that the reduction, including that made during the current year, is enormous and appears to be difficult to justify. The explanation given by the Chairman is that the revision of assessment was not properly done, and that the remissions which have been granted were carefully made and were justified. The matter will doubtless be further considered during the current year by the local officers. It is clear that

the Darbhanga Municipality has not yet attained to the first essential of municipal administration; that is, reasonable assessment of the property within it. Both the percentage of rate-payers to population and the incidence of taxation in this municipality are for 1899-1900 below the Divisional, and still further below the Provincial average, and it appears that a still further reduction will be made during the current year. The Lieutenant-Governor trusts that no time will be lost in putting the assessment on a final and satisfactory basis.

3. *Results of elections held during the year.*—A general election of Commissioners under the Bengal Municipal Act, 1884, took place during the year, on the expiry of the term of office of those who were elected in 1896-97. The results of the general elections, and of the bye-elections held during the year, are given in Appendix B. These were contested in 251 cases out of 457, and the percentage of voters was fairly high. In 5 cases the elections failed, owing to candidates not being nominated within the prescribed time or for other reasons. The average percentage of attendance of voters in contested elections was 43·93, against 40·9 in the general election of 1896-97. It is reported that generally a considerable amount of interest was taken in the elections, but it is nowhere stated what the questions were that aroused this interest; and, so far as can be gathered from the various reports, the issues lay generally rather between men than between measures. The incidence of municipal taxation, and the range of the objects to which its proceeds can be devoted are far more strictly limited in Bengal than in England, and Bengal cannot, therefore, be expected to show any such general division as that which exists in England between municipal parties. Contests were most general and keenest in the Burdwan and Presidency Divisions. Regarding the former of these, the Commissioner observes that the party spirit manifested in the majority of the municipalities situated on the East Indian Railway was of an unhealthy kind.

4. The following table shows the composition of the municipal bodies in each Division at the close of the year:—

NAME OF DIVISION.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.				RACE.		OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION.									
	Ex-officio.	Nominated.	Elected.	Total.	Europeans.	Natives.	Government servants.	Zamindars and landholders.	Peasants and mukhtars.	Planters.	Mercantile, traders and money-lenders.	School-masters (other than Government employes).	Medical practitioners.	Government pensioners.	Unspecified.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Burdwan ...	9	139	228	376	31	345	83	72	76	...	69	17	39	11	46	
Presidency ...	6	250	334	590	40	550	78	171	78	...	76	37	28	37	86	
Rajahmahl ...	3	84	96	182	38	144	35	31	48	...	8	6	13	6	30	
Dacca ...	10	104	112	226	13	213	35	44	69	...	23	14	13	9	23	
Chittagong ...	10	83	40	123	10	73	18	11	34	...	6	3	3	1	7	
Patna ...	18	173	192	383	22	331	62	128	104	...	34	10	4	3	56	
Rhagulpur ...	6	60	91	157	25	132	26	33	35	...	21	3	7	3	40	
Orissa ...	3	38	34	75	6	69	24	10	27	...	1	3	...	4	6	
Chota Nagpur ...	19	64	36	119	23	96	31	9	44	...	14	1	6	3	11	
Total ...	83	944	1,163	2,190	236	1,954	368	507	509	8	245	92	112	72	283	
Total of 1898-99	62	945	1,173	2,180	230	1,950	355	503	506	14	244	114	92	61	291	
Percentage on the total of 1899-1900.	2·8	43·1	53·1	...	10·8	89·1	16·5	23·1	23·2	·3	11·2	4·2	5·1	3·2	12·9	
Do. do. of 1898-99.	2·8	43·4	53·8	...	10·6	89·4	16·3	23·1	23·2	·6	11·7	4·2	4·3	3·2	13·3	

The variations from the figures of the previous year are slight, except in the case of school-masters other than Government servants, and medical practitioners. The landholding classes and members of the legal profession continued to provide the great majority of the Commissioners.

5. *Attendance at meetings.*—There were in all 2,515 meetings held during the year, against 2,586 in 1898-99. Of these, 243, or 9·6 per cent., were unsuccessful or had to be adjourned, as against 227 meetings, or 8·7 per cent., in the previous year. Twenty-five municipalities against 31 in the previous year held more than 20 meetings, whilst 25 municipalities failed to hold at least one meeting every month. At Sherpur in the Mymensingh district the Commissioners convened the largest number of meetings, viz., 45, of which, however, 18 were unsuccessful. Ranaghat comes next with 31 meetings, of

which 4 were unsuccessful. The municipality of Sahibganj in the Sonthal Parganas held only 7 meetings, all successful, with an average attendance of 42 per cent. of the members. The important municipality of Garden Reach has failed to hold 12 meetings during the year in two successive years, and an explanation on this point has been called for. In 69 municipalities, as against 79 in 1898-99, an average of more than one-half of the total number of Commissioners attended at each meeting. The highest percentages of attendance were 82 at Kamarhati, 78 at Patuakhali and Jagdispur, 75 at Raghunathpur, 72 at Baduria, Dumraon and Colgong, and 71 at Cossipore-Chitpur; whilst the lowest was 23 at Meherpur.

On the whole, the number of meetings held and the average attendance at meetings appears to have been satisfactory and sufficient for practical administrative purposes.

6. *Assessments and taxation.*—The statement in Appendix C shows the mode of assessment prevailing in each municipality in the Province, the percentage at which the tax was levied, and the results of revision of assessment made during the year. Of the rates generally levied, those on holdings and on persons, the former was in force in 40 towns, and the latter in the remainder, with the exception of Bhadreswar and Puri, where both forms of taxation were in force in different wards. The rate on holdings was levied at the maximum rates prescribed by law in all but 11 towns, in which Howrah and Darjeeling are included. The tax on persons is levied on the principle of apportionment of the taxation ascertained to be necessary among the rate-payers according to their circumstances and therefore varies in each town in which it is in force.

Of special rates, the latrine-rate was levied in 93 towns on sliding scales or at rates varying from 10 to 3½ per cent. A water-rate was levied in 9 towns which are provided with a filtered water-supply.

7. The incidence of municipal taxation (excluding Calcutta) varied between Rs. 7-2-4 at Darjeeling and 4 annas at Bazitpur in the district of Mymensingh. The average for the whole Province was Re 1-1-6, showing an increase of nine pies per head since the previous year. In 54 towns, against 46 in 1898-99, the incidence of taxation exceeded one rupee per head of population, and it was below 8 annas in 38 towns, against 40 in the previous year.

8. *Revision of assessment.*—A revision of assessment, general or partial, came into force during the year in several municipalities, the best financial results being attained in the following towns:—

NAME OF MUNI- CIPALITY.	Amount of increase. Rs.	NAME OF MUNI- CIPALITY.	Amount of increase. Rs.
Bhagalpur ...	23,690	Hajipur ...	1,546
Howrah ...	14,086	Santipur ...	1,323
Darjeeling ...	9,816	Monghyr ...	1,258
Pabna ...	3,097	Purulia ...	1,252
Barisal ...	2,335	Faridpur ...	1,168
Muzaffarpur ...	2,300	Lalganj ...	1,140
Arrah ...	2,293	Raniganj ...	1,062
South Barrackpore ...	1,561		

The bulk of the increase in Bhagalpur, which was very large, was effected in respect of the water-rate, which has been doubled. The Commissioner observes that this has given rise to much grumbling, as the service has not improved. One chief obstacle in the way of improvement has been lack of funds, and as this has now been removed, reforms should be speedily effected. The same officer brings to notice a number of instances of apparently unequal assessments in Monghyr.

The Magistrate of Midnapore reports that the enhancement obtained by the revision of assessment in the Midnapore Municipality was followed by liberal reductions granted by Appeal Committees, so that the net result was a small increase of Rs. 513 in the demand. A general revision of assessment in the Kharar Municipality by a Sub-Committee of the Commissioners was held null and void, it being found that the demand was considerably reduced without

assigning any reasons for it. On the subject of revision of assessments the Commissioner of the Presidency Division observes:—

"The inconsistencies in the system of taxation noticed in the previous reports still exist, and will not be removed until Municipal Commissioners become more alive to the importance of adequately assessing the rate-payers, in which duty they often fall short for fear of becoming unpopular, and the only alternative is to have the assessments properly made by outside or paid agencies, as has been done in the South Suburban Municipality under the special order of Government under section 1.1A of the Bengal Municipal Act."

The difficulty, however, of obtaining the services of a suitable assessor at a price which municipalities can afford to pay is very clearly pointed out and instanced by the Commissioner of Chota Nagpur, who suggests the entertainment by Government of a permanent trained staff of professional assessors to be paid by regular *pro rata* contributions from municipalities. The suggestion is one of considerable practical importance, and will be separately considered by Government.

9. *Demands, collections, remissions and outstandings on account of taxes.*—The following table compares the totals under these heads for the year 1899-1900 with those of the previous five years:—

YEAR.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.						REMISSIONS.				Out-standing balance.
	Arrear.	Current.	Total.	Arrear.	Current.	Total.	Percentage of column 5 on column 3.	Percentage of column 6 on column 3.	Percentage of column 7 on column 4.	Arrear.	Current.	Total.	Percentage of column 13 on column 4.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.				Rs.	Rs.			Rs.
1894-95	4,93,838	23,71,593	28,65,431	2,74,419	19,76,977	22,51,396	85.6	83.8	74.5	96,985	58,144	1,55,129	5.4	4,80,328
1895-96	4,63,780	25,27,926	30,91,706	2,47,870	20,89,234	23,37,104	84.4	82.0	73.1	73,814	59,650	1,33,464	4.3	5,19,239
1896-97	5,21,677	27,13,469	32,35,146	2,89,466	24,09,050	26,98,516	86.3	81.4	77.2	94,011	70,872	1,64,883	5.0	5,71,343
1897-98	5,75,097	28,55,594	34,30,691	3,24,291	25,06,380	28,30,671	88.9	83.7	78.1	1,04,857	71,109	1,75,966	4.8	6,48,346
1898-99	6,52,316	29,20,705	35,73,021	3,47,271	26,25,750	29,73,021	89.9	85.7	79.7	1,21,136	79,811	2,00,947	5.4	6,47,306
1899-1900	6,05,800	30,84,013	36,89,813	3,08,682	26,35,610	29,44,292								

The noticeable features of this table are the increase in the amount actually collected and the reduction of the outstanding balance.

There was an increase of 2 per cent. in the collection of current demand as compared with the previous year, and, although the proportion of gross collections to current demand has fallen slightly from 95.5 per cent. in 1898-99 to 95.3 per cent. in 1899-1900, the Municipal Committees have, on the whole, done well in the collection of their revenues. The growth in the remissions, both arrear and current, is, however, an unsatisfactory feature in this table.

10. The table below shows the percentages of collection attained by the municipalities in each Division as compared with the previous year:—

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL COLLECTION ON TOTAL DEMAND.	NUMBER OF MUNICIPALITIES.																			
	Burdwan.	Presidency.	Rajshahi.	Dacca.	Chittagong.	Patna.	Bhagalpur.	Orissa.	Chota Nagpur.	Total.										
	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
From 60 to 99 per cent.	10	12	14	23	6	5	13	16	3	3	19	18	6	6	3	3	3	3	76	69
60 to 69	7	6	15	9	5	5	3	3	5	5	6	5	3	3	1	1	3	1	43	35
70 to 79	3	3	3	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	14
80 to 89	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	10
90 to 99	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	6
60 to 59	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
50 to 49	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
40 to 39	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
30 to 29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total number of municipalities.	27	27	40	42	11	11	17	17	6	6	26	26	10	10	5	5	9	9	151	153

Of the divisional groups, the first place is as usual taken by Dacca, which shows a further creditable advance on the satisfactory collections of the previous year, the percentage standing at 93.2, against 92.7 in 1898-99. Sixteen

out of the seventeen municipalities in the Division realised over 90 per cent. of their gross demands, the only exception being the small municipality of Nalchiti in the Backerganj district, where collections were delayed by the detection of frauds in the office and the prosecution of the accountant. The Chittagong Division with an average collection of 81.1 per cent. of the demand, comes next. Good results were also obtained generally by the municipalities in the Patna, Rajshahi, Bhagalpur and Orissa Divisions. The average percentage of collections in the Presidency Division shows a satisfactory improvement from 80.9 in 1898-99 to 85.3, whilst the percentage in the Burdwan Division, 66.28, although it shows some improvement over the previous year, was the lowest in the Province.

11. Of individual municipalities, in 51 against 42 in the previous year over 95 per cent. of the total demand was collected, the following 25 towns showing the most satisfactory results:—

NAME OF MUNICIPALITY.		Total demand.	Percentage of collection.	Total remission.	Outstanding balance.
		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Deoghur	...	6,246	100	...	...
Tamluk	...	5,616	99.99	1	...
Gaya	...	55,137	99.8	110	...
Tikari	...	5,746	99.8	6	1
Jhalakati	...	5,879	99.6	18	...
Narainganj	...	50,331	99.4	137	140
Dumraon	...	7,319	99.4	34	5
Sitamarhi	...	6,338	99.4	32	...
Titagar	...	14,930	99.3	104	...
Lalganj	...	4,481	99.3	24	6
Khulna	...	10,784	99.0	59	46
Bazitpur	...	2,386	98.9	24	...
Roserah	...	3,420	98.9	36	...
Daltonganj	...	5,343	98.87	48	12
Maheshpur	...	2,171	98.8	12	14
Hajipur	...	8,813	98.7	109	...
Madhubani	...	6,971	98.7	85	...
Jagdispur	...	3,837	98.64	52	...
Pirojpur	...	6,032	98.6	44	38
Chagda	...	3,219	98.6	52	16
Chandrakona	...	4,473	98.6	37	24
Meherpur	...	2,500	98.5	23	12
Siwan	...	8,167	98.3	95	40
Sherpur (Bogra)	...	5,530	98.1	29	74
Basirhat	...	5,609	98.0	82	29

These results reflect great credit on the administration of the municipalities concerned, and show that, where energy and attention are devoted to the work of collection, the municipal dues can be collected practically in full under existing rules.

In the Resolution recorded by Government on the working of municipalities during 1898-99, Howrah and Darbhanga were noticed as the most conspicuous examples of failure in the matter of collections. In the latter municipality there has been, in the year under review, a very great improvement, the percentage of collections having risen from 50.3 to 79.7. This result has been attained, as noticed in paragraph 2 above, partly by making large

reductions in the demand. But the amount actually collected has risen from Rs. 25,974 to Rs. 31,860, a result which is stated by the Commissioner to be due entirely to the exertions of the District Magistrate. As is explained in the Magistrate's report the municipality has been endeavouring to arrive at a demand which is really realisable, in place of an imaginary and irrecoverable one; and, until this is done, the percentage of collections to the demand affords no criterion of administration. Meantime, the improvement on the previous year is undoubted, and the municipality is to be congratulated on it.

In Howrah, on the other hand, the previous unsatisfactory state of things has continued. The percentage of total collections was 90·6 of the current and 69·06 of the total demand, and, in spite of largely increased remissions, the enormous outstanding demand has continued stationary. It is unnecessary for the purposes of this review to deal at any length with the reasons of the existence of this state of affairs. They have already been the subject of a special enquiry by the Commissioner whose report has been submitted to Government, and who has been requested to formulate proposals for removing the various defects which he has enumerated. It is sufficient to observe that the report in question indicates clearly the gravest lack of organisation. The Lieutenant-Governor trusts that the measures to be taken for the introduction of a better system will be effectual and will be promptly introduced.

Specially unsatisfactory results are noticeable in Bally, where the percentage of total collections to total demand was 53·03, Bhadreswar (53·6) and Hooghly-Chinsura (54·1). The administration of the collection department in these and several other municipalities of the Burdwan Division requires the special attention of the Commissioner. There is also a noticeable deterioration in the Bhagalpur Municipality, where the total sum collected fell off from Rs. 87,791 to Rs. 83,161, and the percentage of collections to demand from 77·88 to 69·9. The principal cause of this was the uncalled for delay of an objection committee in disposing of objections. This is the more unfortunate since, as has been previously remarked by Government, the finances of this municipality have been in disorder for some time. Better results are now anticipated from the stricter control which has been obtained by the appointment of a new Chairman, and it is to be hoped that the anticipation will not be disappointed.

12. The average percentage of remissions for the whole Province rose from 4·9 in 1898-99 to 5·4 during the year under review; but it is satisfactory to notice that with this slight increase in the remissions the outstanding balance fell from 16·9 to 14·8 per cent. of the total demand. The marginally-noted figures compare the percentages of remissions and the outstanding balances in each Division during the years 1898-99 and 1899-1900.

DIVISIONS.	Percentage of remissions.		Outstanding balances.	
	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99. Rs.	1899-1900. Rs.
Burdwan	4·48	6·4	3,68,168	3,45,567
Presidency	6·7	6·7	90,260	67,259
Rajshahi	6·0	4·5	26,314	28,489
Dacca	2·5	3·1	15,575	12,349
Chittagong	4·1	2·8	5,239	10,260
Patna	5·4	3·4	43,045	37,149
Bhagalpur	3·13	4·7	26,666	32,283
Orissa	3·63	7·5	11,609	8,994
Chota Nagpur	4·8	6·1	20,166	14,957

There was a marked increase in the percentage in the Burdwan and Chota Nagpur Divisions. In the Patna Division, with a reduction in the percentage of remissions from 5·4 to 3·4, the outstanding balance also was reduced from Rs. 43,045 to Rs. 37,149. Taking the case of individual municipalities, the largest remissions were allowed in the municipalities of Garden Reach (22·0), Bhadreswar (19·2), Darbhanga (17·9), Chatra (17·2), Serampore (14·4), Lohardaga (13·5), Baduria (12·0), Hooghly and Chinsura (11·8), and Jangipur (11·5). At Garden Reach the large remissions were due to the old and irrecoverable arrears handed over to the new municipality by the South Suburban Municipality and to inequitable assessment. The case of Darbhanga is, as already noticed, a special one.

13. *Fresh imposts levied during the year.*—Fees for the registration of carts were levied for the first time in the municipalities of Muktagachha, Netrokona and Brahmanberia. A water-rate for the supply of filtered water was for the first time levied at Berhampore. Fees under Part IX of the Bengal Municipal Act for the cleansing of private privies were also levied for the first time at Muzaffarpur and Hazaribagh and in portions of the municipalities of Arambagh,

Rajpur, Garulia and Bhatpara. License-fees under section 261 were also levied for the first time at Samastipur, Netrokona and Muktagachha. Fees under the Hackney Carriage Act were levied for the first time in the Barasat Municipality. At Howrah the fees under section 189 of the Act for the removal of rubbish, which had practically never been realised before, were collected to a considerable extent.

14. *Income and expenditure.*—The following table shows separately for each Division the opening and closing balances, the income and the expenditure of its municipalities during 1898-99 and 1899-1900:—

NAME OF DIVISION.	Opening balance.		Income during the year.		Total funds available for expenditure.		Total expenditure.		Closing balance.	
	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1898-99.	1899-1900.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan ...	66,793	62,123	9,65,944	11,06,458	10,32,737	11,68,581	9,70,614	10,84,460	62,123	84,121
Presidency ...	1,09,839	1,43,135	7,71,211	8,62,250	8,81,050	9,45,385	7,37,915	7,80,852	1,43,135	1,64,533
Bajshahi ...	26,888	27,189	3,83,150	5,03,196	4,10,938	5,30,385	3,82,850	4,53,375	27,188	77,010
Dacca ...	46,022	59,652	3,98,641	4,10,377	4,44,863	4,70,129	3,84,521	4,04,294	59,742	65,735
Chittagong ...	13,045	16,053	1,13,818	1,20,764	1,20,863	1,36,847	1,10,789	1,24,818	16,053	12,029
Patna ...	91,475	1,15,146	7,03,234	7,01,078	7,94,709	8,16,224	6,79,564	7,12,656	1,15,146	1,03,568
Bhagalpur ...	29,067	37,708	2,94,591	3,19,229	3,23,558	3,56,937	2,86,351	2,97,242	37,707	59,665
Orissa ...	7,580	8,177	1,17,767	1,25,326	1,25,347	1,33,563	1,17,270	1,25,069	8,077	8,434
Chota Nagpur ...	10,252	14,935	97,603	1,11,763	1,07,945	1,26,698	93,010	1,00,404	14,935	26,294
Total ...	4,00,961	4,84,148	38,46,349	42,00,441	42,47,310	46,84,589	37,63,175	40,83,170	4,84,135	6,01,419

15. *Closing balances of Municipalities.*—There was an increase in the aggregate closing balances of the municipalities from Rs. 4,84,135 to Rs. 6,01,419. In several cases funds are being accumulated for schemes of sanitation or other municipal reforms, and in some, money was reserved in hand for probable plague charges. The savings effected in estimated expenditure during the year, and the inability to fully utilise loan funds during the year, also led to the increase of closing balances. In the following cases, among others, no satisfactory explanation has been furnished of the failure of the Commissioners to utilise the funds at their disposal:—

Name of Municipality.	Total income of year.	Closing balance.	Name of Municipality.	Total income of year.	Closing balance.
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Katwa ...	9,511	2,077	Ranaghat ...	13,637	2,056
Dainhat ...	4,366	1,013	Birnagar ...	5,652	2,446
Sonamukhi ...	8,995	2,106	Kandi ...	10,808	2,884
Ghatal ...	10,554	2,446	Old Malda ...	5,237	1,749
Chandrakona ...	7,761	2,334	Jhalda ...	5,035	1,292
Santipur ...	36,497	6,030	Ranchi ...	36,922	5,240
Basirhat ...	8,206	1,960			

On the other hand, the following municipalities ended the year with practically no closing balance:—

Name of Municipality.	Total income of year.	Closing balance.	Name of Municipality.	Total income of year.	Closing balance.
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Bansberia ...	8,183	163	Kushtia ...	8,522	79
South Suburban ...	32,218	176	Debhata ...	2,507	38
Jainagar ...	7,789	30	Kishanganj ...	8,908	25
South Barrackpore ...	20,148	1	Jajpur ...	8,263	116
Bhatpara ...	7,494	94			

16. The statement in Appendix E shows the details of total income under each head separately for each Division during the years 1898-99 and 1899-1900,

and the following figures give the difference between the receipts of the two years for the whole Province:—

HEAD OF REVENUE.	Total receipts, 1899-1900.	COMPARISON WITH 1898-99.		
		Increase.	Decrease.	Percentage of variation.
1	2	3	4	5
1. Municipal rates and taxes—	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
(a) Tax on houses and lands ...	10,67,666	16,436	...	1.5
(b) „ on animal and vehicles ...	2,25,697	16,568	...	7.9
(c) „ on professions and trades ...	50,431	1,576	...	3.2
(d) Tolls on roads and at ferries...	1,31,275	...	17,791	11.9
(e) Water-rate ...	2,26,910	26,296	...	11.5
(f) Lighting rate ...	60,288	5,935	...	9.8
(g) Conservancy (including scavenging and latrine rates).	6,41,510	69,227	...	10.7
(h) Tax on persons according to circumstances and property.	5,66,699	15,503	...	2.8
(i) Miscellaneous (penalties, &c.)	20,962	...	2,857	13.6
2. Realizations under special Acts ...	96,565	...	2,818	2.8
3. Revenue derived from municipal property and powers apart from taxation.	3,35,953	1,377	...	.4
4. Grants and contributions (for general and special purposes).	2,53,909	1,06,455	...	72.1
5. Miscellaneous ...	96,581	20,415	...	26.8
6. Extraordinary and debt—				
(a) Sale-proceeds of Government securities and withdrawals from Savings Bank.	15,524	...	7,444	32.4
(b) Loans ...	1,49,100	47,950	...	47.4
(c) Realizations of sinking fund for repayment of loans.	2,431	121	...	5.2
(d) Advances ...	1,80,903	31,654	...	21.2
(e) Deposits ...	78,037	25,489	...	48.5
Total ...	42,00,441	3,85,002	30,910	
Net increase ...	...	3,54,092	...	9.2

17. Of the total increase in income shown above, the portion derived from taxation, which is a permanent and genuine increase, amounted to Rs. 1,30,893. The increase was shared by all the Divisions, except Bhagalpur, and was largest in the Burdwan Division. It is shown by divisional groups in the following table:—

YEAR.	NAMES OF DIVISIONS.									
	Burdwan.	Presidency.	Rajshahi.	Dacca.	Chitta-gong.	Patna.	Bhagalpur.	Orissa.	Chota Nagpur.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1898-99 ...	Rs. 7,83,653	Rs. 6,03,938	Rs. 2,37,410	Rs. 3,04,274	Rs. 79,043	Rs. 4,94,882	Rs. 2,16,672	Rs. 85,163	Rs. 55,511	Rs. 28,00,545
1899-1900 ...	8,44,359	6,21,611	2,02,069	3,16,480	81,168	5,00,584	2,12,579	91,505	71,063	29,01,438
Increase (+) or decrease (—).	+60,706	+17,673	+14,659	+12,206	+2,125	+5,702	—4,093	+6,342	+15,552	+1,30,893

18. *Tax on houses and lands.*—This tax yielded a revenue of Rs. 10,67,666, which is Rs. 16,436, or 1.5 per cent. in excess of the income during the previous year. The increase was shared by the Burdwan, Rajshahi, Orissa, and Chota Nagpur Divisions, whilst there was a falling off of revenue in the remaining five Divisions. The largest increase occurred in the Burdwan and Rajshahi Divisions of Rs. 16,264 and Rs. 8,868, respectively, whilst the increase